

Teens' fight leads to court dates

By SHAWN P. SULLIVAN

WILMINGTON - Five local teenagers are heading to court in the wake of a fight that occurred after school on Tuesday, March 23.

The incident, which unfolded in the field near Wilmington Town Hall, has many local parents concerned about the level of youth violence in the community.

According to the Wilmington Police Department, two 14-year-olds from the Wilmington Middle School agreed to meet to physically resolve a matter between them. Shortly after the confrontation began, one of the teenagers managed to assert control over the other.

At this point, two more juveniles and an adult allegedly joined the fray to help the teenager who had lost the upper hand. These three individuals then reportedly joined forces with the one they freed and proceeded to punch his opponent and kick him in the head.

Due to their age, none of the juveniles can be named in the press. Timothy Coates, 18, was the adult who took part in the fight.

The fight reportedly drew a considerable crowd of onlookers. One bystander finally interrupted the fight and successfully pulled the four teenagers off the fifth. Shortly after, an ambulance was called.

"At least one kid had the sense to stop the fight and put an end to it," says Sergeant Christopher Neville of the Wilmington Police Department.

According to the police, the victim of the beating was examined by the Wilmington Fire Department and was brought to Winchester Hospital for x-rays to be taken of his extensive injuries.

The Wilmington Police Department has filed complaints against all participants in the confrontation. All five teenagers are due to appear in court for criminal hearings in the near future.

The two 14-year-olds who agreed to fight will likely appear before the juvenile court in Lowell to determine if they must face charges of assault and battery.

Coates and the 15-year-old and the 16-year-old who joined the fight will also appear in court to see if they must stand charges of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon. In this case, the "dangerous weapon" is considered to be a foot, which, when covered with a shoe or boot and used to inflict violence, is considered a "shod."

The March 23 fight preceded

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FIRST ENCOUNTER WITH A GIANT RABBIT. Kylie White, right, who was born on Easter last year, met the Easter Bunny for the first time last weekend and, well... let's just say her older sister Noel, 6, at least enjoyed the moment. We at the Town Crier have a hunch that Kylie will quickly grow to like the Easter Bunny just fine, once she wakes up to all those eggs and candies on Sunday morning. The Easter Bunny paid a visit to the Reading Co-Op Bank in Wilmington on Saturday, April 3. (Maureen Lamoureux photo)

Lynne Gordon named Teacher on the Trail

By SHAWN P. SULLIVAN and MICHELE LEMOS

WILMINGTON - Lynne Gordon is hitting the trail.

The Wilmington resident and second grade teacher at the Woburn Street School has been named the

Teacher on the Trail, a position in which the chosen educator leads a nation of students in lessons about the race. This is Gordon's year. She found out the big news on Monday. It took a while for the victory to sink in because she had braced herself for the chance that she would not be the one of three nationwide finalists to emerge as this year's Teacher on the Trail.

"I had armed myself against disappointment," Gordon says. The first Iditarod was held in March of 1973; in the decades since, the race has become known as Alaska's greatest sporting event. Each year, one teacher in the United States is selected to be the Teacher on the Trail, a position in which the chosen educator leads a nation of students in lessons about the race.



The Iditarod is a sled dog race that's held during the first Saturday in March to commemorate the 1925 life-saving run to bring serum to the children of Nome, Alaska, to save them from dying from diphtheria.

"When I found out I was not as out of control with enthusiasm as my colleagues."

That soon changed. At school on Tuesday, she approached Principal Robert Arseneault and extended her hand. She surprised him by saying she figured he'd like to shake the hand of the new Teacher on the Trail.

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Sinclair honored

Applauded for achievements on environmental issues

By STEPHEN BJORK

WILMINGTON - The Tewksbury Organization Against Illness and Contamination (TOXIC) and its CEO, Wilmington resident Susan Sinclair, was honored by the Toxics Action Center (TAC) last weekend.

TAC was established in 1987 and works with neighborhood groups to promote safe and healthy environments. The organization has helped more than 400 community groups across New England fight toxic conditions resulting from hazardous waste sites, landfills and incinerators, the spraying of pesticides, and other issues

Selectmen stick with town counsel

By STEPHEN BJORK

WILMINGTON - The Board of Selectmen met in executive session on Thursday, April 1 to discuss Wilmington's current financial agreement with Town Counsel Paul DeRensis. According to Selectmen Chairman Michael McCoy, the situation will remain status quo for the time being.

This executive session meeting came on the heels of an unexpected motion, made by McCoy during the March 22 Board of Selectmen meeting, to dismiss DeRensis in light of escalating legal costs that resulted from the renegotiation of town counsel's contract in December.

"I believe that the Town Counsel is qualified in municipal law, and I have all the confidence as a professional that he is equipped to do the job," McCoy said on March 22. "However, at what price?"

The Board appointed DeRensis, of the firm Deutsch, Williams, Brooks, DeRensis & Holland, P.C. (DWBDH), to the

position of Town Counsel in June 2003, with an agreed upon compensation for all legal services of \$132,800. The vote for that appointment was 3 to 2, with McCoy and Selectman Robert Palmer in the minority.

In December of 2003, the board voted 4 to 1, with Palmer as the lone dissenter, to accept a revised agreement doing away with the customary flat fee structure. The revised agreement was presented by Town Counsel half way through his term, and the board was notified that failure to accept the new billing methodology would result in DeRensis's departure.

The new agreement, which was voted to be retroactive to December 1, 2003, includes a lower retainer fee, but bills hourly for litigation at a rate of \$160 per hour. That hourly rate increased to \$165 in January of 2004 and does not stipulate any sort of monetary cap.

McCoy, contacted after Thursday's executive session,

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Maple Meadow

Operations cease at landfill

By STEPHEN BJORK

WILMINGTON - The Town of Wilmington appears to have been awarded a victory in its efforts to stop the importation of soils to the Maple Meadow Landfill (MML) area in South Wilmington.

On Thursday, March 18, a unilateral order was issued by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to Massachusetts Environmental Associates (MEA) to cease the receiving of closure materials and monitor the site. MEA is the firm that has been contracted by the Spinazzola family to cap the landfill.

Back in January, the DEP had instructed MEA to cease any further importation of soils to MML, with the exception of vegetative layer material, pending an audit of MEA's documents relating to the "intermediate cover" and "vegetation support material" brought in since August of 2003.

Patrick Hannon, the President of MEA, stated in a

letter to DEP that MEA was under the obligation, according to the terms of a consent order, to cover inactive areas of the site with both intermediate cover and vegetative support material.

"Since August, MEA has accepted about 41,000 tons of soil to be used for these purposes," Hannon wrote back in January.

In February, MEA advised DEP that it would halt the importation of soils of any kind until the evaluation of the site was completed.

Wilmington has alleged that the types of soil and amount of soil being brought in to the MML are not simply vegetative support material and that the amount of soil brought into the area violates the recently enacted Town Bylaw, known as Article 5 of Wilmington's 2003 Special Town Meeting.

As it went before voters at the special town meeting last June, Article 5 prohibits the importation of any contaminated soil

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FOR A JOB WELL DONE. Wilmington resident Susan Sinclair, center, received an award on Saturday, April 3, for the energy, passion, research and determination shown in her efforts to help the community address such environmental issues as those that surround

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WILMINGTON - The Wilmington Police Department will be holding Child Safety Seat Inspections and Installations at the Public Safety Building at 1 Adelaide Street on Saturday April 10, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

No appointments will be required for this service during this time frame.



PRESSING THE FLESH

The Wilmington Democratic Town Committee held its annual political breakfast at Rocco's Restaurant on Route 38 on Saturday, April 3. The event routinely draws local candidates to the table and gives them an opportunity to meet voters and answer their questions. In the photo above, selectman candidate Ann Yurek enjoys a plate of eggs alongside her husband, Dick. At right, selectman candidate Michael Newhouse, left, spends some time with former selectman Jim Banda. Below, selectman candidate Karl Sagal campaigns from atop his Segway. (Maureen Lamoureux photo)

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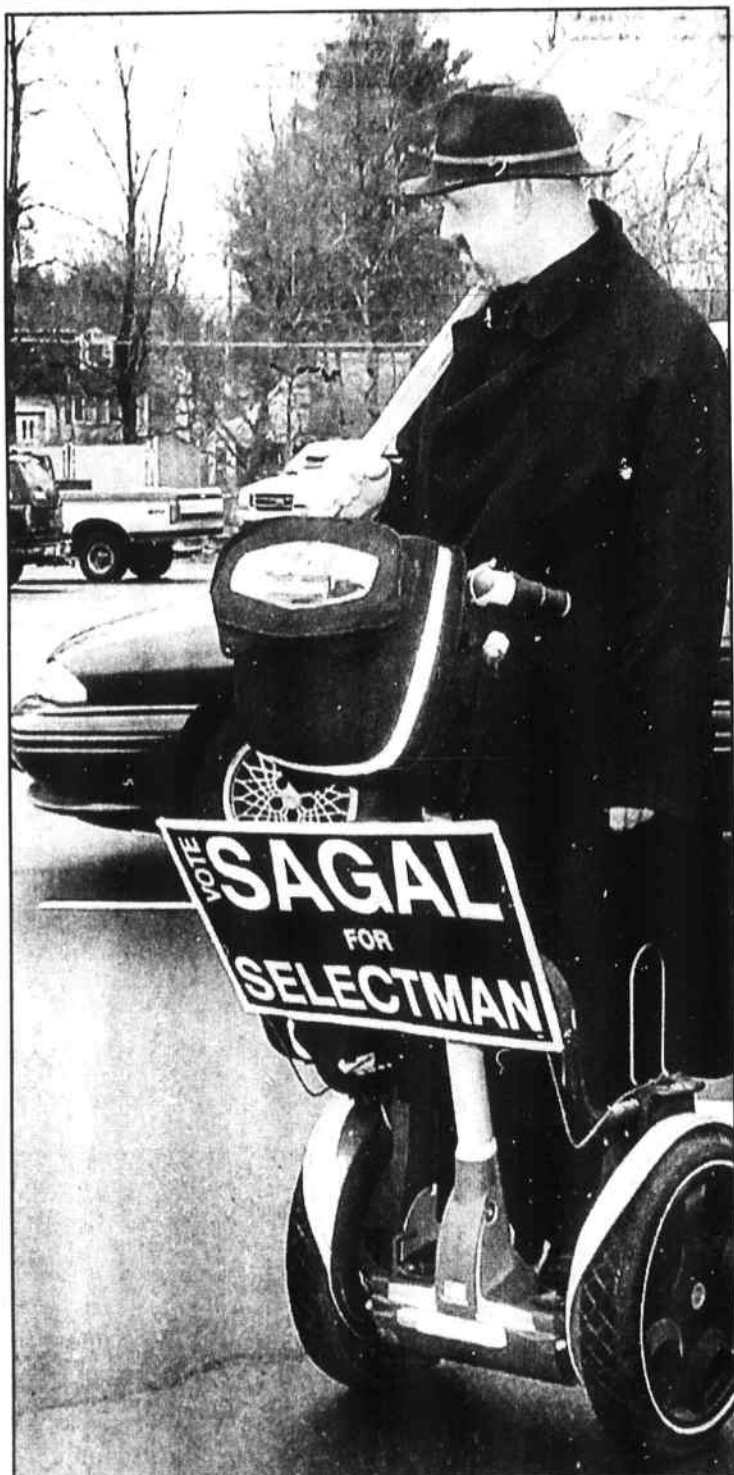
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From the Editor's Desk

By Shawn P. Sullivan

Ending the Violence

Four on one.

Hardly a fair fight, wouldn't you say?

Then again, there shouldn't have been a fight, period.

We're talking, of course, about a fight between Wilmington youths that broke out in the field near the Town Hall on Tuesday, March 23. Lots of parents are angry about the incident, and you can't blame them.

According to the police, the fight started between two 14-year-olds who agreed to meet after school and settle their problems with a few thrown fists. After it started, the confrontation escalated when one kid got the upper hand and three friends of the victim jumped into the fray to defend him.

Tens of teens gathered to watch this beating. Only one of them put a stop to the fight, which, allegedly, involved punches, shouted epithets, kicks to the head, and maneuvers to ensure that the kid on the losing end couldn't escape.

The fight, by the way, preceded an unrelated incident on March 28, in which three Wilmington teenagers were arrested and charged with assaulting and battering a couple from Woburn.

What's going on here?

What's up with this apparent rising tide of youth aggression and violence in Wilmington?

The answer is simple. Many parents aren't doing their jobs.

Educators are doing their best. A presentation on bullying recently took place at the Wilmington Middle School. One local teacher, who attended a book discussion about "Empire Falls" at the Wilmington Memorial Library last Wednesday, noted that she stands by her door at the end of every class and speaks to each student on their way out. The idea, she said, is to touch base with each teenager and show them that they matter.

Here's the thing, though, for all you parents out there who may be slacking in your responsibilities. You know who you are.

It's not the job of these educators to raise your kids.

Remember science? Math? Social studies?

English? Those are the kinds of things teachers should be teaching. If, by chance, lessons of character emerge from such classes, then it should be a mere by-product of the core curriculum. Such lessons should simply be a pleasing addition to the things parents should have already taught their children before they even started school.

If your kid is kicking another one in the head, you're not doing your job.

If your kid is one of three others who are administering a beating to a lone victim, you're taking the lazy way out.

If your kid grabs a front row seat to such a fight and fails to stop the violence, then you are failing as a parent.

If all of this sounds arrogant and judgmental, then tough luck. When your child becomes a problem to other children, then you're fair game for harsh criticism. It's time to snap out of your self-absorbed trance and look in the mirror.

Kids have gotten into fights with one another since time began. In some respects, it has always been a regrettable part of growing up, a fact of life corrected by caring parents who can get through to their kids that violence is not the answer. Something is terribly wrong in this day and age, however, because the nature of those conflicts has drastically changed. As the incident on the 23rd proves, fights have become increasingly savage and unfair and diabolical.

That fight resulted in a trip to the hospital for one of the kids and upcoming court dates for all five of them.

Parents, here's what you tell your kid if he or she is thinking of settling a few scores with a fist, a foot, or a baseball bat.

Tell your kid that his or her intended victim also has a mother and a father. Tell your kid that it breaks a parent's heart to have their child come home humiliated, broken and bruised.

Doing so will not completely solve the problem of your child's potential to commit violence, but it's a start. Besides, parenting is not supposed to be easy.

You've got a job to do.

So do it.

Welcome Home, Scott

Scott Gallant, our graphic artist here at the Town Crier, is home from military duty in the Middle East.

You remember Scott. He was home from Kuwait for a couple of weeks last October. We published pictures of him in this paper. One shot showed him on top of a deserted Iraqi tank, on which he had proudly scrawled "The Town Crier" with a permanent marker. Another picture showed him and his fellow servicemen with movie star Bruce Willis, who paid the troops a visit to boost morale.

Scott touched down at Fort Drum in New York on March 7. He arrived home, safely, on March 15. We welcomed him back here at work this past Monday. His duty as a sergeant and chemical engineer in the United States Army Reserve at Camp Arifjan has been completed.

Naturally, Scott missed his wife and daughter, who turned 14 years old during the 14 months that he was away, fighting the War on Terror. He also sorely missed the things the rest of us take for granted, like clean, functional toilets and comfortable beds. Scott had to use one of those dreaded portable pot-ies in the desert and, at best, he only got to sleep on cots and cheap mattresses.

More than anything, Scott says he missed his liberty.

"This biggest thing I missed was my overall freedom, my freedom to be myself and do what I want to do," he says. "When you're

free, you can go to the store, watch a movie, wear what you want to wear. Yeah, I missed my freedom. Everything else just falls underneath that."

Life back here at home, Scott admits, has its share of challenges. Given the rush of resumed freedom and the sudden blast of flexible todays and unwritten tomorrows, Scott says that he occasionally finds his readjustment to civilian life to be "overwhelming."

"You have to try and figure out what to do now," he says. "In the military, you're not used to making choices. This freedom is a great feeling, but it's overwhelming at times. Nothing stays the same while you are gone. Right now I am getting back in touch with my wife and daughter and friends because they've all changed and grown."

Scott made it home. If you've been watching the news on TV this week, you've seen that there are hundreds of Scott's fellow servicemen and women who won't be successfully making that trip back to their loved ones from the Middle East.

Here at the Town Crier, we are grateful for Scott's return. We hope and pray for the safe homecomings of his fellow troops throughout the Middle East, and we mourn those who have been denied their return to the freedom they are defending.

Welcome home, Scott.

Up 4 Notches

Twenty-one percent.

Not bad.

It's progress, anyway.

A little more than one in five of Tewksbury's registered voters reported to the polls last Saturday and made their voices heard during the Annual Town Election. No, that's not a lot of people, but it still might be a figure to note for two reasons.

First of all, 21 percent marks a jump of 4 percent from the number of voters who exercised their democratic duties during last year's town election. That figure puts the dismal turnouts of 2003 and 2001 in the town's rearview mirror and it moves the voting population more towards the robust attendance of 26 percent in 2002. It's all a far cry from the utopian count of 100 percent, but that 4-point leap is still a step in a better direction.

Second of all, the turnout of 21 percent is somewhat interesting because the election results yielded very little change. The fresh face with the highest profile belongs to Keith Rauser, who ascended to the School Committee last weekend. Overall, Saturday was a big day for such incumbents as Selectmen Charles Coldwell and Joseph Gill and School Committee member Dennis Peterson.

This suggests, of course, that the residents of Tewksbury are on the whole quite pleased with their leaders and the direction in which they're leading them. The fact that voters turned out in the second-highest force in four years to maintain the status quo speaks promisingly for the work being done today for a better tomorrow.



Betsy's Best Bets

with Betsy Woods McGuire

You've Come a Long Way, Baby

Our todays and yesterdays are the blocks with which we build. (Longfellow)

Quite a while back I got insanely lost trying to find Jack's Junk Yard in Billerica. That day I swore to God I would never go looking for anything again in Billerica. My motto became "Stay away if it's not on 3A." The place is too big, too spread out, too all-over-the-place ... and it's nothing to look at either.

Well, Times have changed. The Billerica of today, it seems, has gone through a kind of cultural renaissance in recent years. The center of town has been transformed into a picturesque, busy New England social meeting place. Clustered together are historical buildings and churches with tall white steeples alongside huge federalist and colonial style houses. Across the street, shops, restaurants and businesses look onto the crossroads common area.

A block of stores behind white wooden clapboards, the row to know has bikes and boards, barbers and blossoms and bows, sporting cards, sporting gear to wear, or a cup of "joe" to go. You won't have to gamble, there's ample parking in the rear, Dear, have no fear.

The truth is, what brought me back to Billerica was food, not history or rehab, surprise, surprise. So here are a few of the best reasons to give Billerica's center another look.

Let's start with the Coffee Emporium, "where a great cup of coffee is just the beginning" to borrow their slogan. Deep yellow walls, with exposed wood high up above, warm lighting and full windows across the front create a feeling of both roominess and restfulness. Small round tables with comfortable big, heavy mahogany chairs encourage lingering longer, relaxing with a book or newspaper or simply enjoying a carefree conversation with a friend. Plants tucked into corners, photos, prints and paintings decorate the cozy alcove end.

Most of the food is baked on the premises. Bagels, breakfast sandwiches, muffins and more have that wonderful handmade taste that hints of old world recipes. Mini's apple cake, coffee cake and biscotti and scones will remind you of home. Still, if you sit and only sip a cup of coffee, no question, you'll be pleased and appeased. By far the Coffee Emporium's brew is the best. It doesn't end there. Lunches are equally appetizing. Salads, sandwiches, wraps and melts are piled high with fresh greens, drizzled with olive oil, resting on thinly sliced meats, cheese and vegetables, of the very best quality. George, the owner is charming and accommodating - however, whatever, which way, the other way today, he can make it your way. Recently, after some light-hearted pressure, he let us use a coupon that was

two years old. Try that one at a chain restaurant.

A few doors down in Mangia Mangia Ristorante. Casual Italian doesn't get much better than this. The menu covers just about everything from subs and sandwiches to salads, pizza, calzone, pasta dishes and a list of entrees including veal, chicken, seafood, and even barbecue. Colors will jump out at you - red tomatoes, green lettuce, bright fresh vegetables floating in home-made soup are part of the eye appeal of every meal.

Sunny front windows reflect onto restored old red brick walls. High ceilings, ceiling fans and lights hanging on long, long pull-cords over tables and chairs that fill the open room, give off a warm, familiar atmosphere. Night time is the right time, too.

Or maybe you'd like to just have a "cold one" and be done. The Center Cafe, in the Jonathan Bowers Building (1796), is a neighborhood bar that's not too far.

Of course, there really are many other reasons to visit Billerica, some of them quite practical. How about O'Connor's hardware store? Is it possible that anyone reading this column has not been to O'Connor's? I like to describe O'Connor's as the hardware store that has rock salt in the summer and morning glory seeds in the winter - whatever you want, whenever you want it, they have it. And the personal service goes above and beyond, with someone in every department and even someone in the very front of the store to point you in the right direction. Why would anyone go to that "other" store? You can walk to O'Connor's from the center.

Make sure you don't overlook Grigg's, the very best farm stand, garden center anywhere! Right down the street, on 3A, it's on your way.

You can't walk around Billerica's center without being reminded of the valued history of this 1655 New England town that has been so thoughtfully preserved. The Bennett Public Library, Billerica's first public library is now the Cultural Center; the Town Hall has been restored and enlarged and is now the new public library. Howe High School, just down the street a bit, is the present Town Hall. The Town of Billerica has held onto the past while carefully moving into the future to meet the needs of tomorrow.

So, from lost at Jack's, I'm back! I think you'll agree with me, Billerica is the place to be. Gee.

Reach Betsy with comments or questions at betsymcg@comcast.net.

Letter to the Editor

Thanks for making "Wilmington Reads" program a success

Dear Editor:

With the conclusion of "Wilmington Reads Empire Falls by Richard Russo," I would like to acknowledge everyone who participated in our first town wide reading project and contributed to its success. Circulation data, anecdotes and evaluations confirm that the project's primary goals to promote reading and community spirit were achieved. Some library patrons noted initially that the book was a slow read but residents embraced the challenge and 99% of those who completed the evaluations were "glad that they had read the book." Since October 2003, when residents voted to read this Pulitzer Prize winning novel, readers checked out the book over 600 times. Over three hundred people attended discussion programs and book related activities during the month of March. Speakers and facilitators received rave reviews from the audience who also contributed thoughtful questions and comments and listened and learned from each other. "Wilmington Reads" fostered discussion among a wide range of ages from high school students to senior citizens. It was gratifying to receive so many positive comments such as, "I am proud to be a citizen of a town that has promoted such a wonderful and educational program for its community." Another resident commented about enjoying the opportunity to meet new people and hear different perspectives about the book at all the programs. "Wilmington Reads" also developed an unexpected connection beyond our borders

to Skowhegan, Maine where much of the filming of the movie "Empire Falls" took place. Guests from Maine entertained the Wilmington audience with their anecdotes about the "Empire Falls" filming experience. The generosity of our neighbors in Maine was demonstrated by the donation of raffle prizes in support of "Wilmington Reads Empire Falls."

As Library Director and a Wilmington resident, it has been an honor to be part of "Wilmington Reads" which has demonstrated the value of the public library to the community. By encouraging the simple

enjoyment of reading a good book, the library brought residents together for an enjoyable learning experience and positive dialogue. "Wilmington Reads One Book, One Community" is a phenomenon that can continue to move us closer to that vision of town where the library plays a dynamic role in enhancing the sense of civic pride that comes from belonging to "one community."

Sincerely,
Tina Stewart
Library Director

Town Crier

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PATCHWORK. The Tewksbury Piecemakers, a local quilting club, held its annual quilt show at the Ryan Elementary School last weekend. Deanna Czarniecki, left, showed her quilt, called "Gone Fishin," to fellow Piecemaker Linda Harrington. Czarniecki made the quilt as a gift to her father, Arnold Madore. (Maureen Lamoureux photo)

"Whooping Cough" is back in Wilmington

WILMINGTON - Pertussis or "Whooping Cough" has recently been reported to the Wilmington Board of Health.

Pertussis is a highly communicable upper respiratory disease spread by droplet infection such as a cough. The infectious period begins 2 weeks before cough onset and persists 3 weeks after the cough if untreated.

Symptoms, which begin as a cold, include persistent cough worsening at night, fever may not be present. Deep cough may be followed by spasm or "Whoop" and vomiting.

Sometimes mistaken for "chronic bronchitis" pertussis should be diagnosed and treated promptly by health care provider, because it is highly

communicable in nature. Positive diagnosis is made by nasal culture in a child under 11 years old and by blood serum specimen over age 11 years. Antibiotics, Zithromax, 5 day pack, and Erythromycin or Bactrim must be taken for full 14 days.

School aged children with positive culture must have taken medicine for 5 full days before they can return to school. Any student with symptoms must be excluded 21 days if left untreated. In order to prevent the spread, close contacts (of 10 hours or more) in household, daycare, sports, extra curricular activities should receive full course of antibiotics as well. The most vulnerable populations are infants under 2

months who have not received their first D.P. T. Immunizations, the elderly and anyone immunocompromised, i.e. under going chemotherapy. Resurgence of the disease is due to waning immunity in 12 years to 19 years to 19 year old group. Infants and children 2 months to 7 years should be fully immunized by 1st grade. There is no licensed vaccine currently available for children over 7 years or adults.

For further information contact Ann FitzGerald, R.N. at (978) 658-4298.

Wilmington Senior Menu

Monday - Hot dog on a roll, baked beans, steamed broccoli, chilled pears, milk, dessert.

Tuesday - Macaroni and cheese, stewed tomatoes, chilled peaches, pumpernickel bread and butter, milk, jello with topping.

Wednesday - shepherd's pie, chilled apricots, multi-grain bread and butter, milk, dessert.

Thursday - Italian pork roast, roasted potato wedges, steamed green peas, chilled applesauce, oatmeal bread and butter, milk, dessert.

Friday - Chilled tomato juice (low salt), baked fish with spinach, rice pilaf, tossed salad, dinner roll and butter, milk, sun or moon cookie.

Letters to the Editor

Vote Sullivan for selectwoman

Dear Editor:

This is to state that I have a very high opinion of Suzanne Sullivan, who is running for election again - this time for a three year term.

She and a small group of ladies here in town have focused attention on the town's drinking water supplies and, probably, long standing contamination.

Despite what appears to have been a regular campaign to dis-

credit them, a year ago a thorough study by an unbiased engineering firm (GeoInsight) and the admission by the DEP confirmed their suspicions.

This evaluation, however, is not complete, and it should be possible to come up with a comprehensive plan to deal definitively with our aquifer. For this reason, I feel that Ms. Sullivan is needed on the Board of Selectmen, because she understands these life and death

issues. She has done her homework.

Her interest in the environment, generally, as well as controlled housing, open space, development issues, traffic, school sports and elderly concerns further recommend her to the voters on April 17.

Sincerely,
Gerald F. Bigwood, MD
Wilmington

Who would steal from a cemetery?

Dear Editor:

For those of you who do not frequent the Wildwood Cemetery, you might think "Who would steal from a cemetery?" For those of us who do visit the Wildwood Cemetery, we are all too familiar with this ongoing problem in our town.

The thefts from the Wildwood Cemetery have become a great concern for my family as well as other families in our town. For years, items have been stolen from the grave sites of our loved ones. It was almost understood that if you brought something nice down to the cemetery, you realized it would be stolen. As the years have gone, it has become more irritating, and at this time we plan to do everything we can to stop this disgraceful act.

Over the past month, we have monitored a few items that have been stolen. Some of the items are the plastic flower brackets that clip onto the top of headstone. At first it

appeared that the entire flower arrangement was stolen. Then with some investigating, we learned that the flowers are removed from these brackets and disposed of, into the woods, to right of the furthest driveway in the new section of the cemetery. Therefore, we believe it is the bracket that these heartless people want, not the flowers themselves. We then learned of flower pots being stolen. The flowers are usually dumped out and the flower pot is taken. Another recent item stolen was a \$4.00 lawn ornament that was placed behind a headstone.

With the upcoming Easter Holiday, we would like to offer a suggestion to family and friends of loved ones at our Wildwood Cemetery. We have learned that if you write your name on your planters, gifts, etc., where it can be seen and in permanent marker, that these items are less likely to be stolen. Our "personal" thought

is that some of these items are being resold at Flea Markets or a Florist somewhere.

We are asking the public to help us stop the thefts. If you notice items missing from the Cemetery you should notify the Wilmington Police, no matter how small of an item it is. Then, we invite you to also email us at wildwoodcemetery@yahoo.com, indicating what was stolen, the location and when you think it was stolen. With this information, we hope to provide our Police Department with facts on a monthly base.

We also encourage you to use this email address to share your comments, suggestions and ideas for more security at our cemetery. We can then approach our Town Officials in hopes that they can assist us in reaching that goal.

Sincerely,
Concerned Wildwood
Cemetery Family

Just like "Empire Falls"

Dear Editor:

Of all the things I've done in Wilmington this year, "Wilmington Reads *Empire Falls*" was the most fun. I hated to see it end.

The last event asked, "Is Wilmington like *Empire Falls*?" I couldn't see a comparison right away, but on thinking about it:

Empire Falls and Wilmington do have the same issues: people on the fringes, in schools, in neighborhoods. I know of one thing Wilmington has from a library program that wasn't talked about in *Empire Falls* - active church memberships. Neither community is a bells and whistles town, status and image is not a big deal for either. Doing the *Empire Falls* program allowed Wilmington's people to create or possibly explore connectedness to each other with their talents, open minds and caring.

Wilmington is a "best kept secret."

Mrs. Whiting is a self-absorbed survivalist at the expense of everyone else. Absolute no heart.

Cindy is optimistic, in spite of

her physical handicap. There was a spirit in her that allowed her to quietly overcome a physical trauma and a sad, deadening family circumstance.

Charlie Whiting allowed the material comforts to override all other desires, dying in the family traditions that were never revitalized and simply became habits.

Grace - who found love - recognized the limitations of the personification of that love when the principles, the ethics, the spirit of family devotion were to be so quickly tossed aside for the sake of gratification. And she moved ahead with grace, hoping for Miles to find a better place.

The school principal, Mrs. Rodriguez, John Voss, Zack, all living in their web of connectedness, unaware of the pain within each, afraid to touch, reach out in fear of a challenge to their comfort zone, afraid of what they might find outside of themselves or perhaps within themselves.

And Miles, so traditionally, 50's feminine (not a bad thing). Denying himself, trying to be there for everyone, never hav-

ing an answer, trying to love as if in the end that's the answer, absolutely powerless.

Charlene, Janine, are the most accepting of who they are, not concerned about the tomorrows coming, living for today, harmless, vulnerable, hopeful.

David thought risk was the only way to live. You took all the chances you could, with or without handicaps.

And Max couldn't figure out what the problems were. Life was to be lived day to day and enjoyed. No frills, no bells, no whistles. Just one day at a time.

Tick? There is no defining Tick. She is the mystery. Because she is in the midst of growing, absorbing the people, not knowing what choices she'll make because she is learning life as the others are living it around her.

Is that like Wilmington? I bet it is. We, too, are a cast of characters.

Thanks to Tina, her staff. And more power to the library.

Ann Yurek
Wilmington

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- HOW:** Visit www.lowellgeneral.org and click on the TeamWalk banner or call the TeamWalk hotline at 978-937-6434.

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Thanks for making cut-a-thon a cut above the rest

Dear Editor:

We at A Touch of Class would like to take this opportunity to extend our heartfelt thanks to each and every person who helped make our Cut-A-Thon such a great success.

First, we would like to thank everyone who came out on Sunday to get their hair cut on such a rainy, raw, rotten weather day! Without all of you, we wouldn't have had a Cut-A-Thon!

Second, we would like to thank Belmont Springs for setting up a tent (thank God!) in the parking lot and passing out

bottled water all day to ourselves and our clients. It certainly couldn't have been too comfortable for them in that weather. Thanks, guys!

Also, we cannot forget to thank our hair representatives, who donated their products that we used in some of our basket give aways!

We'd also like to thank Dunkin Donuts (across from the Oakdale Shopping Center) for supplying all our coffee for the day and munchkins to dunk with.

A great big thank you is also extended to Stephen Bjork for

writing such a wonderful article in last week's Town Crier on our Cut-A-Thon and its importance to us and the community.

Thanks to all of you, Angel Flight (our recipient of our Cut-A-Thon) will be happy to hear that we proudly have mailed them a check for the sum of \$1200.00, in loving memory of Dave Burke.

With sincere thanks,
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Tewksbury Police Log

Saturday, March 27

Motor vehicle-related accidents reportedly occurred on Main Street and East Street.

Three white males with knives reportedly suspiciously approached the door of a residence on Greylock Road and then left without further incident in a black Ford Mustang.

A fence at a residence on Pinewold Avenue was reportedly vandalized.

A mailbox at a residence on Chuckie's Way was reportedly vandalized.

A North Street home and its American flag were reportedly maliciously struck by paintballs.

Authorities responded to a report of a domestic disturbance that occurred in a vehicle traveling in the vicinity of 999 Whipple Road.

A group of youths reportedly caused a disturbance by smashing bottles behind the United Methodist Church on Main Street.

Justin Butler, 24, of Lowell, was arrested in the vicinity of 99 Colonial Drive and was charged with operating a vehicle after the suspension/revocation of his driver's license, providing a false name to a police officer, and operating a vehicle after the suspension/revocation of its registration.

Sunday, March 28

Motor vehicle-related accidents reportedly occurred on Andover Street and Colonial Drive.

Mailboxes at residences on Maple Street, Ballard Street, and French Street were report-

edly vandalized.

An individual reportedly disturbed the peace by operating a chainsaw on a Sunday in the vicinity of Level Lane.

A fence on Pupkis Road was reportedly vandalized.

Disturbances to the peace reportedly occurred at the International House of Pancakes and the Motel 6, both on Main Street.

Timothy Dorazio, of Lowell, was arrested in Lowell and was charged with being a minor in possession of alcohol, illegally possessing a Class D substance with the intent to distribute it, and conspiring to violate controlled substance laws.

Monday, March 29

Signs belonging to a company on Clark Road were reportedly vandalized.

Authorities assisted in the removal of an individual at the Caswell Motel on Main Street who was not wanted by management on the premises.

David Beauregard, 37, of Tewksbury was arrested in the vicinity of 1665 Andover Street and was charged with the illegal possession of a Class A substance.

David O'Connor, of Lowell, was arrested on Pheasant Hunt and was charged with possessing alcohol as a minor, illegally possessing a Class D substance with the intent to distribute it, and conspiring to violate controlled substance laws.

Tuesday, March 30
Motor vehicle-related accidents reportedly occurred on Main Street and East Street.

A window of a vehicle parked at the Piccadilly Pub on Main

Street was reportedly smashed.

Jose Negron, 37, of Lawrence, was arrested in the vicinity of 333 Main Street and was charged with the illegal possession of a Class A substance with the intent to distribute it.

Dale Shofield, 41, of Dracut, was arrested in the vicinity of 333 Main Street and was charged with operating a vehicle after the suspension/revocation of his driver's license.

Wednesday, March 31

Motor vehicle-related accidents reportedly occurred on Main Street and Clark Road.

Authorities responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at a residence on Arkansas Road.

A vehicle parked at a business on Main Street was reportedly vandalized.

Liam Donovan, 18, of Tewksbury, was arrested at his home at 12 Tanglewood Avenue on the basis of a warrant.

Thursday, April 1

A motor vehicle-related accident reportedly occurred on Main Street.

Huyh Xuyen, 32, of Lowell, was arrested in the vicinity of 450 Main Street on the basis of a warrant.

Eric Cruz, 26, of Lynn, was arrested in the vicinity of 419 Shawsheen Street and was charged with violating an order of protection.

Friday, April 2

Authorities responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at a residence on Michigan Road.

Jose Resendes, of Medford, was arrested in the vicinity of Regina S Drive and was charged with domestic assault and battery and intimidating a witness.

Liam Donovan, 18, of Tewksbury, was arrested at his home at 12 Tanglewood Avenue on the basis of a warrant.

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Wilmington Police Log

Monday, March 29

A motor vehicle-related accident reportedly occurred on Main Street.

An individual reportedly broke into a vehicle parked on Marion Street and unsuccessfully attempted to steal its stereo.

Car Audio Zone on Main Street was reportedly forcefully burglarized.

Authorities responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at a residence on Burnap Street.

Brian Davis, 36, of Beverly, was arrested in the vicinity of 2 Lowell Street on the basis of a warrant and was charged with receiving stolen property, attempting to burglarize a vehicle, illegally possessing a Class B substance, and possessing burglarious tools.

Lauren Harrington, 25, of Tewksbury, was arrested on Salem Street on the basis of a warrant and was charged with operating a vehicle after the suspension of her driver's license.

Tuesday, March 30

Motor vehicle-related accidents reportedly occurred on Lowell Street and Salem Street.

Pieces of heavy equipment were reportedly stolen from a business on Jewel Drive.

Authorities responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at a residence on Palmer Way.

Kevin Buswell, 37, of Londonderry, New Hampshire, was arrested in the vicinity of 773 Salem Street on the basis of a warrant.

Wednesday, March 31

A motor vehicle-related accident reportedly occurred on Main Street.

Thursday, April 1
Motor vehicle-related accidents reportedly occurred on Church Street, Main Street,

Andover Street, Glen Road, and Avalon Drive.

A customer reportedly caused a disturbance at Meineke Muffler on Main Street.

An assault and battery reportedly occurred between employees at the Gulf Gas Station on Main Street.

Authorities responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at a residence on Aldrich Road.

A vehicle was reportedly burglarized while it was parked at the 99 Restaurant on Lowell Street.

Friday, April 2

A vehicle was reportedly stolen from a residence on Burlington Avenue.

Residential mailboxes were reportedly vandalized on Wicks Circle, Sarafinas Way, Houghton Road, and Blanchard Road.

Paul Decelle, 39, of 79 Circuit Street, Melrose, was arrested in the vicinity of 66 Concord Street and was charged with operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, operating a vehicle as to endanger, and failing to stay within marked lanes of travel.

Saturday, April 3
Motor vehicle-related accidents reportedly occurred on Woburn Street, Main Street, and Washington Avenue.

Residential mailboxes were reportedly vandalized on Frederick Drive, Flagstaff Road, Lee Street, Bradford Road, and Houghton Road.

A party at a residence on Shawsheen Avenue reportedly disturbed the peace.

Sunday, April 4

The lawn of a business on Ballardvale Street was reportedly vandalized.

Several mailboxes at residences on Clark Street were reportedly vandalized.

April is Letter Writing Month

April has been designated as National Card and Letter Writing Month by the U.S. Postal Service, according to Postmasters James R. Quinn, Wilmington, and Joanna M. Louf, Tewksbury.

"This is an opportunity to raise awareness about the importance and historical significance of hard-copy letter writing," they said.

"Writing, sending and receiving letters, postcards, and greeting cards is a tradition that has persevered our nation's history and changed

lives-particularly in times of war and times of personal triumph and tragedy," they said.

Card and letter writing also helps improve literacy and promotes creativity among our youth, they noted.

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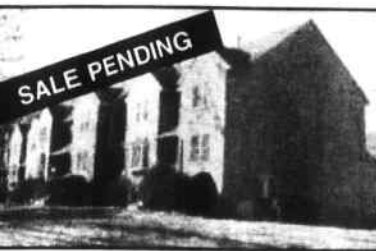
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Please vote for Mike Newhouse for Board of Selectman

Michael J. Newhouse has announced his candidacy for a three-year term on the Wilmington Board of Selectmen. Mike is a life long resident of Wilmington, has served the community in a number of important capacities, and hopes to continue his dedicated service to the town as your Selectman. This announcement is being written by a group of Mike's friends and supporters who are asking our fellow residents to vote for his candidacy on Saturday, April 17th.

Mike is 36 years old, and attended the Wilmington Public Schools until High School, when he excelled at Matignon High. He attended Harvard University, where in addition to achieving academic success, played for the Harvard University Rugby team. Mike then attended Suffolk Law School, and immediately passed the bar exam upon obtaining his law degree.

Upon completing his education, Mike moved back to Wilmington to, in his words, "try to repay the town that has been so good to me and my family." Mike served two consecutive terms on the Board of Selectmen, chairing the Board twice. During his tenure, Mike was instrumental in the completion of a number of capital improvement projects, including the state of the art Public Safety Building and the new Middle School. Mike's fiscal conservatism and work ethic was a complement to the town's first-rate administration.

"Wilmington is blessed by competent management and quality people at all levels of town government," Mike recently told a group of supporters. "I want to protect and encourage the folks who have made Wilmington the envy of the region. When I hear police officers from neighboring communities speak about the quality of the equipment our officers



enjoy, I feel proud. When I hear that other towns have dealt with the recent economic downturn by laying off teachers and safety personnel, I feel grateful that we have a budget surplus. If the residents of Wilmington see fit to place their trust in me, I promise to justify that trust by insisting on respectful discourse and continued fiscal responsibility."

Mike then served Wilmington as Town Council in 2001, continuing the level of quality, personal legal service that Mr. Alan Altman had provided the town for nearly thirty years.

Mike was instrumental in obtaining an agreement from the Olin Corporation that requires Olin to fully fund a pipeline connection to the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority, ensuring quality drinking water if the town so chooses, or on an emergency basis. This agreement costs the town absolutely nothing, and allows significant flexibility no matter which direction our community decides to take with regard to our water supply. As town counsel, Mike also brought suit against the Hess Corporation in 2002 for contamination that adversely affected the Route 38 sewer project. The matter was in settlement negotiation when Mike was replaced as town counsel, and settled soon after for \$200,000.00. These were just some of Mike's achievement his supporters has in mind when nearly 1,800 of us successfully petitioned the current board to keep him as our town counsel.

Mike has shown a number of qualities, which should be expected of any elected official but unfortunately, are sometimes missing. Mike is a fighter, without being unfair or malicious. Mike is intelligent, without being condescending or arrogant. Mike is independent without being exclusionary or offensive. Simply put, Mike Newhouse will be an intelligent, professional, responsive, reasonable and respectful voice on our Board of Selectmen, and as his supporters we urge to vote for him on April 17th.

Vote Suzanne Sullivan for Selectwoman

My name is Suzanne Sullivan and I am seeking re-election as Selectman for the town and people of Wilmington. I was elected last year to fill the final year of a vacated seat on the Board. I believe that in the past year I have made substantial contributions to the Board and brought a different, and much needed, perspective to Wilmington's town government. I would like to be able to continue and build upon these efforts.

I am probably best known for my leadership on environmental issues, but I am not a single-issue selectman. My passion for a clean environment in Wilmington is just part of what I consider the broader issue: quality of life.

I moved to Wilmington 14 years ago to put down roots and raise a family in a town that has a better quality of life than where I grew up, in the city of Lynn. There was less crime and traffic, more open space, a slower pace, better schools, and still something of a small town feel.

I realize that times change and towns grow. What I also know is that without careful planning and vigilant oversight, a town can grow in ways that can seriously degrade the quality of life. I believe in "smart growth", with attention to not stressing or depleting our natural resources by growing too quickly or recklessly. I want to ensure that as Wilmington continues to grow, we listen to the people and their concerns. We have seen and heard the citizens as they participated in public hearings and meetings of the Open Space & Recreation Plan, Master Plan, Comprehensive Water Resources Management Plan and their forums.

Wilmington people are concerned with dense developments such as the so-called 40B projects. As the Selectmen's representative to the Town's Housing Partnership, I have sought to balance the need for affordable housing with the very real concerns people have about traffic, density, and water quality and quantity issues. I believe that the people on North Wilmington have

already done more than their share in addressing the affordable housing shortage. I will work to ensure that this type of development is located appropriately, or better yet, avoided altogether by being pro-active in our planning.

Wilmington people are concerned about traffic. Projects like the proposed mega-mall in Tewksbury have the potential to seriously impact streets. Woburn wants to re-open the bridge near the end of Woburn Street. I will look not only at local projects and local solutions, but will work to make sure that regional projects do



not detrimentally affect Wilmington's neighborhoods.

Affordable senior housing is a pressing need in Wilmington. While keeping a senior in their home for as long as possible is best, there are cases when this is no longer an option. When this occurs many seniors feel like they are caught in a no-win situation. Many seniors are in a situation where their homes are their security for future care and expenses. At this time the only other option in Wilmington is Deming Way, where the waiting list is several years long, with still no guarantees of placement. We need to be innovative in Wilmington and seek grants, partnership with nonprofit agencies, or whatever it takes to build affordable housing for seniors.

I have been active on several fronts for a number of years in Wilmington. I am co-founder of Headwaters Stream Team of the Ipswich Watershed Association. I am a member of the Wilmington League of Women Voters. I served on the

Comprehensive Water resource Management Plan Citizen Advisory Committee and the Ipswich River Watershed Management Council. I am a member of the Community Advisory Panel to develop the South Wilmington Water Study. This committee was formed through the urging of citizens like me to have an independent study and review of contamination impacting the South Wilmington water supply. (Maple Meadow Brook Aquifer).

I also serve on the Master Plan Committee, and served on the Open Space and Recreation Committee, which developed a plan to address the Open Space and Recreation needs of the Town. The committee developed and sent out a survey of public opinion and evaluation of the natural resources and recreational opportunities in town. The committee received 1,400 responses. The results of the survey were used for the development of some of the goals and objectives in the Master Plan.

I believe in the Master Plan and many of the goals, objectives, and visions outlined in its text. This plan is the most comprehensive plan the town of Wilmington has to charter its growth for the future, while still maintaining town character and natural and recreational resources. Without adhering to an adopted guideline, growth becomes growth just for the sake of growth with no vision or purpose. Although unplanned growth may benefit a few, the masses will be effected in a negative manner.

In the coming months and years, Wilmington is going to have to make some tough choices. There will be decisions about the water supply, Maple Meadow Landfill, the Olin site, building a library and Town Hall, taxes and growth. I believe in opening the decision-making process to the public, so that the town government works for all the citizens. I would like to be able to help Wilmington steer through these choices, and so I ask for your vote on April 17.

Vote Peggy Kane for School Committee

Kane is Able

Education is my avocation as well as my vocation. After receiving a BA from Emmanuel College in Boston, I secured a position as a teacher of English at Medford High School, where I have spent thirty five years teaching all grades 9-12 and all levels, including mixed special education, college prep and honors classes. I furthered my formal education and received a masters degree in reading at Salem State College. Later I enrolled at the University of Lowell where I was inducted into the Pi Lambda Theta Honor Society and finally I have received grants for and taken a number of courses at Harvard. In addition to my high school teaching experience from which I am retiring in June, I am currently a member of the adjunct graduate school faculty at Lesley University.

During the past 35 years as an educator, I have been fortunate to have been recognized with a number of honors and awards. In 1982 I was named an Outstanding Young Woman in America. A recognition for which I am most grateful is my nomination by former students to Who's Who among

America's Teachers for 1994, 1996, 2002, and 2004. Through a co-teaching experience with a fellow social studies teacher, I received the ADL World of Difference Award in 1995. My Medford teaching community recognized my efforts with an Excellent Teacher Award in 1997. Nineteen ninety-nine brought an Award of Teacher Excellence from Salem State College Graduate School.

Community Service has always been a value in our family. Wilmington has proven to be a wonderful town full of service opportunities. In addition to being a CCD teacher and Girl Scout leader during my children's childhoods, I served a term on the school committee from 1990-1993. Following that I served on the Board of Directors of the Wilmington Family Counseling Service. Most recently, I joined the Friends of the Wilmington Memorial Library, serving on the Executive Board and one term as president. From there, I was appointed to the Board of Trustees, where I currently serve as Chairperson. This past fall I was appointed by the Town Manager to the Master Plan Committee.

Why have I chosen to run for school committee? Wilmington is in a time of change within the school system; a new superintendent, a new business manager, a new high school principal and multiple other positions that are being vacated due to retirements make this an exciting opportunity for the school department. Also, my experience as an educator, as a former Vice President of the Medford Teachers Union, as one of two people chosen by the President of the Massachusetts Teachers Association to serve on the national cadre for repealing the unfair social security act should prove invaluable to the town.

Wilmington is at a crossroads and decisions have to be made. Our town has already demonstrated its commitment to education with the building of the new middle school. My three children received a strong educational foundation from the Wilmington Public Schools, as all three have graduated from college and two have earned Masters Degrees in their fields. I am grateful to the dedicated staff and to our community for supporting education to the degree that we do. I would like to give back. Therefore, I would appreciate one of your school committee votes on April 17.

Thank you,
Margaret "Peggy" Kane

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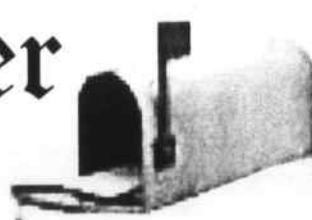


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Wilmington Library Notes by Christina Stewart

Merrimack Valley Chorus of Sweet Adelines

The Merrimack Valley Chorus, a chapter of the Sweet Adelines International, will perform at the Wilmington Memorial Library on Thursday, April 15 at 7 p.m. Don't miss the opportunity to hear the barbershop harmony of these talented women singers. This program is funded by the Friends of the Library.

Butterflies at the Library

Butterfly Show & Craft
Celebrate spring during "National Library Week" (April 18 to April 24), with Jerry Schneider of Morpho Productions by attending his exciting and educational program about Eastern butterflies, their habits and habitats, including the amazing migration of the Monarch. Children ages seven and older are invited to register for the program on Thursday, April 22nd at 10

am, by visiting or calling the Children's Room at (978) 694-2098 beginning Thursday, April 8th. Admission is free, although a plain t-shirt is required for the craft—the making of a cool butterfly t-shirt! Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Butterflies

A story and craft program on Butterflies to be presented by Shady Lane Art Studio is being planned for Wednesday, April 21st at 10 am for three, four, and five year-olds and their caregivers. Space is limited and registration is required. To register, please visit or call the Children's Room at (978) 694-2098 beginning Thursday, April 8th.

Drop-in Butterflies Craft

Visit the butterfly craft table in the Children's Room all during school vacation week, April 20th through 24th to make a colorful butterfly!

Book Discussion for children ages 7 and up

7 X 9 = Trouble! by Claudia Mills will be discussed by children ages seven and older for their book discussion to be held on Friday, April 16th at 3:30 pm. Drop in and enjoy the discussion and refreshments, and a chance to win the door prize provided by the Friends of the Library.

Time for Twos

Time for Twos, a half-hour drop-in story time for two year-olds and their caregivers, will be held on Thursday, April 15th at 10 am.

Bookends

Bookends met on Thursday, April 1st to discuss *Ice Bound* by Jerri Nielsen. The group gave this book nine thumbs up and three thumbs down. The next book that will be read and

discussed by Bookends is *The Three Daughters of Madam Liang* by Pearl S. Buck. Copies of the book are available at the library. The next meeting is Thursday, May 6 at 7 p.m.

PageTurners

PageTurners will meet on Tuesday, April 20th to discuss *Isabel's Bed* by Elinor Lipman. If you enjoyed participating in the *Empire Falls* book discussion events in March, you may consider joining one of the library's two book discussion groups. Bookends meets on the first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. and PageTurners meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 11 a.m. at the library.

If you would like to start your own book discussion group, the library has some "how-to-do-it" books on this subject including *The Reading Group Handbook: Everything You Need to Know to Start Your Own Book Club* by Rachel W. Jacobsohn and *Good Books Lately: the One-Stop Resource for Book Groups and Other Greedy Readers* by Ellen Moore and Kira Stevens.

Upcoming Teen Programs

Teen Coffee House & Open Mike Night, Monday, April 12th at 7pm. Performers can sign up in the Teen Zone (on the 2nd fl.) or by calling 978-694-2098. The door prize, a \$25.00 gift card to Barnes and Noble, will be provided by The Friends of the Library.

Teen Comics Club, Monday, April 26th at 7pm. All students in grades 6-12 are invited. Door prize provided by the Friends of the Library. Check out our new anime DVDs: *Chobits* (Volumes 3, 4, 5) and new mangas: *Mars*, Vol. 1, *Planetes*, Volumes 1 & 2.

Teen Book Discussion II, Tuesday, April 20th at 3:30 pm. The group will talk about *The Outcasts* of 19 Schuyler Place by E. L. Konigsburg. All students in grades 6-12 are welcome. Extra copies of the book are available at the library. Refreshments will be served. Door prize provided by the Friends of the Library.

Tewksbury Public Library seeking poets for National Poetry Month

TEWKSBURY - Looking for something interesting to do during April vacation? Then celebrate National Poetry Month at Tewksbury Public Library with a special event just for teens. We're joining hundreds of other libraries, schools and book stores that are encouraging people to read and write poetry for the fun of it. Poetry can be novels, music lyrics, in English or other languages, read silently or performed in public. It encourages reading and writing and appeals to everyone.

In honor of this amazing literature, teens are invited to an Open Mic Night on Wednesday, April 21 at 7 PM. This program is a non-competitive event for grades 7-12 to read and listen to poetry. Free refreshments and a raffle for prizes during the

evening are included. You can read work of your own or something by your favorite poet (or songwriter, since music is poetry, too). You must sign up and submit what you'll be reading in advance, so stop by the library and ask for a registration form.

If you plan to read your own poems, another great opportunity to share your work is to enter Tewksbury Public Library's poetry contest. The rules are simple: Poems can be on any topic as long as they are your original work. Poems must be between three and twenty lines long. You have to live in Tewksbury. You can apply at the library or online, as long as you enter by Saturday, April 17.

Sign up now for your chance for food, fun, and fame!

Construction scholarships being offered

In an effort to promote professionalism in the construction industry, and further the goals of students in collegiate construction programs, the Massachusetts Construction Advancement Program (MCAP) is offering scholarship aid to sophomores and juniors enrolled in full and part-time study of civil engineering, construction, and construction management disciplines. These scholarships may be used by students to help defray tuition, living costs, and/or books and supplies for the 2004-2005 academic year.

Applications have been distributed to civil and engineering and building construction technology departments at Massachusetts colleges and universities which offer construction-oriented degrees. Additional application forms are available from the MCAP Office, 888 Worcester Street, #40, Wellesley, MA 02482-3717. Completed applications and transcripts of grades must be returned to MCAP by May 28, 2004. Award recipients will be selected by contractor representatives of the Associated General Contractors of Massachusetts Education

Committee, and will be announced by the end of June. Scholarship awards will be presented in September.

The Massachusetts Construction Advancement Program is an industry advancement trust, initiated by the Associated General Contractors of Massachusetts and the Building Trades Employers' Association of Boston and Eastern Massachusetts. It serves the union sector of the Massachusetts building construction industry by supporting comprehensive activities in the fields of manpower training and recruitment, and informational services.

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Line dance every Monday

Every Monday evening at the Knights of Columbus at 2068 Main Street in Tewksbury, you will hear the sound of Country music being played and see crowds of people moving their feet in unison to the beat of the music. They are having fun, exercising and losing weight, country line dancing under the tutelage of Club Country's D.J. and dance instructor Joe Steele and D. J. Trisha Sweeney. They have been doing this since 1994 and have helped hundreds of people become proficient in the art of country line dancing. They specialize in beginner line

dance lessons, and that's what is happening.

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Treating spine injuries

On Friday, May 14, the Neurological Sports Injury Center at Brigham and Women's Hospital, May Institute, and Massachusetts Brain Injury Association will host an all-day Sports Concussion and Spine Injury Conference at Fenway Park in Boston. The conference is an opportunity for individuals who

work with young athletes to learn the latest about diagnosis and treatment of concussion and spine injuries. Continuing education units (CEUs) will be available to EMTs, nurses, physicians, and athletic trainers. Please call 617-525-7770 or e-mail neurosportsinjury@partners.org.

Students visit Costa Rica

Wilmington residents and Arlington Catholic High School Sophomores Emma DeGregorio, Katherine Holland and Amanda Kruse enjoyed a nine-day stay in Costa Rica during February school vacation. Along with 7 of their classmates, they learned about the unique ecosystems and animal life indigenous to the country while visiting national parks, wildlife preserves and the tropical forest. Everyone had an experience they will never forget. Emma is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony DeGregorio of Castle Drive; Katherine is an honor, student

and the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Holland of Towpath Drive; and Amanda is an honor, student and the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Steve Kruse of Burnham St.

Amanda also had a lead in the Arlington Catholic High School Drama Club's presentation of the 1960's hit *Bye, Bye Birdie* at the Regent Theatre on April 2nd, 3rd and 4th. She played the part of Mrs. Merkle.

The North Parish Quilters Quilt Faire - April 14

WAKEFIELD - Quilts, refreshments, vendors, door prizes and raffle baskets!! The North Parish Quilters, a non-profit organization serving the North Shore area, are pleased to announce their first Quilt Faire. The Faire will be held on April 14th at the American Civic Center, 367 Main Street, Wakefield, Ma from 6-10 PM.

Enjoy a bite to eat while you admire the work of our guild members. Indulge in a little shopping at the vendor tables and the boutique. Applique, Bargello, Patch work, and many more quilts to be viewed and enjoyed! Join them at the Quilt Faire on April 14th. Admission is \$2.00 at the door.

Tewksbury Food Pantry April dates set

Tewksbury residents who are having trouble making financial ends meet can receive food assistance from the Tewksbury Community Pantry. Proof of residency and social security numbers for every member of the household are required at the time of application. The pantry is located at 999 Whipple Road, at the intersection of Pine St. (behind the Department of Public Works Building). For more information, call 978-858-2273 and leave a message.

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QUACK, QUACK. Jessica Kasparian, 8, a student at the Woburn Street School, reads "Make Way For Ducklings" alongside the floral interpretation of the beloved children's book at the Wilmington Memorial Library. The arrangement was one of several such interpretations of popular books that were all a part of the Garden Club's annual Arts in Bloom exhibit

(Maureen Lamoureux photo)

Karl Ian Sagal - Candidate for Selectman in Wilmington

Hello. I'm Karl Sagal, and have been a resident of Wilmington since 1997, having moved to this town to raise my family. I came to the area, but my wife, Ann Marie, was raised locally, and has a great deal of family in town. We now live on Lawrence Court, with our 4-year-old son, Drew Ryan, and our daughter, Kaili Chaya, who was born last April 15th.

Professionally, I work as an electromechanical engineer. I'm a disabled army veteran, and have experience working as a manager in large multinational corporations, as well as managing my own company. I feel it is important to be comfortable as the manager of a situation, or as a member of the team. Independent thinking while working well with others is what is needed for the Board of Selectmen to be most effective.

I have been active in my neighborhood for several years. My first foray into the town government included a phone campaign to get speed limits and then enforcement for speed reduction in my cut-through neighborhood. Next, I walked the street, and got signatures from most of the residents on a petition for sidewalks on Lawrence Street.

From these simple beginnings, through the years I have become more and more involved in town government and management. I am currently serving the people of the Town of Wilmington on the Zoning Board of Appeals, and the Master Plan Committee.

Now, with the election coming up on Saturday, April 17th, we find ourselves at a point where the town needs to make an important decision. I see this race as an opportunity for the townspeople to tell the Selectmen of the direction that the town needs to move. We have some candidates that represent the old guard, the establishment that has been running the town for many years. We also have the alternative opportunity to choose a new direction. So, do we go forward, or do we go back to where we were? With five candidates for two seats, the townspeople have the chance to custom design the make-up of the Board of Selectmen.

I feel that there has been too much effort at political partisanship, and not enough at simply and openly governing the town. There have been many

opportunities to resolve important issues for the town that have been waylaid by power struggles.

I believe there have been many steps in the right direction lately as the current Board of Selectmen struggle to both do the right thing and do it the



right way. While I applaud the attempts to move in the right directions, I am dismayed by the methods employed. Often the value of the action is lost in the chaos left over from the procedure, or lack thereof, of executing whatever that action was.

I make my living by analytical analysis. I feel that one of the greatest assets that I bring to the town government is that I am a logical thinker. I don't put much weight on the personalities involved, I simply investigate the facts of the topics involved, and then act. I have often lobbied for a more open operation of town government, frequently demonstrating areas that have failed to live up to the town bylaws or charter. I also feel that being a newcomer to town government gives me an advantage. I owe no one, and no one owes me. I make no promises, and owe no favors.

On the issues, I believe there is usually a logical solution to most problems. The difficult part is that the solution is often neither pleasant nor cheap. Most importantly, action is the answer. Having issues in committee forever is no solution. Many of the problems that the town faces today, are the size they are because of the officials sticking their head in the sand and hoping the tough problems will go away. They don't. The problems that face this town will require hard work to make them go away. We need an aggressive plan to fix the issues, and then continue on our way. The solution is not to

throw money at the problems. More and more taxes are not the solution; they are another of the problems.

If a party contaminates the well, make them fix it. We need to take a proactive role in controlling the traffic. If we need affordable senior housing, and we do, let's build it. This doesn't mean that we knock down a bunch of trees, then build condos in the swamp, then try to convince everyone that it wasn't a swamp. There are plenty of commercial and municipal sites that have been identified in the Master Plan and other places that are perfect for housing.

Regarding the library, there are still people pushing the issue. I feel we need to act. I believe it should be at the common as the master plan indicates. There have been many issues on the block for years that need to be addressed. North Wilmington substation, school budget, open space, parks and resources for our kids. All this and more will be before us and is not going away. We need leadership at the top board in town.

It is time for the voters to hold the Selectmen accountable. Those that are getting the job done will not have a problem with that. Some talk a good story, but don't follow thru. What we need are leaders, not followers and yes men. We need strong representatives that will fight for the values and needs of Wilmington, and that have the capacity to stand up to the state, the developers, and those that would do harm to the residents!

I am a very consistent man and realize that you can be steady and still adapt to the day. One of my best attributes is my unyielding search for the truth. I strongly feel that the town government needs to be consistent, be fair, and be public. As Selectman, I will be fair, consistent, perform my duties in the public eye, and expect others to do the same.

I appreciate your consideration when you vote on Saturday, April 17th, and that vote will go a long way toward informing your employees (Town government) that you want conservative progress, considerate professionals, and public discourse to manage this town.

Thank you,

Karl Sagal



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Hospice Care receives generous donation

By JIM HAGGERTY

Officials at the Stoneham-based Hospice Care, Inc. are all elated.

Hospice Care, Inc. which serves Wilmington and Tewksbury among its 31 cities and towns, received a \$175,000 bequest from the estate of Annette M. Doyle, who was born and educated in Woburn.

Doyle, who was living in Andover, died peacefully on Feb. 4, 2003.

"This is big news for us," said spokesperson Carol Keesecker, noting the general mood of hospice officials in Stoneham this morning.

"Annette was a very generous woman and became a supporter of Hospice Care, Inc. when they cared for her mother years ago," said Rita Martin, a long-time friend and executor of the Doyle Estate.

Diane Bergeron, executive Director of Hospice, added, "We are so grateful for Ms. Doyle's generosity. This is the largest and most generous gift that Hospice Care, Inc. has received in the agency's 25-year history."

According to Martin, also a Woburn native who now lives in Andover, the \$175,000 is just the first installment of Doyle's total

gift.

Born in Woburn on July 26, 1918, Doyle grew up in a family of eight children. She attended St. Charles Parochial School in Woburn and was a graduate of St. Charles High School.

She was retired from New England Telephone Co.

Hospice Care, Inc. is one of the oldest and most well-respected community based hospice programs in New England. Since 1979, the programs of holistic patient care and grief healing support for families have reached more than 13,000 in 31 communities north and west of Boston.

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April is a busy month at the Tewksbury Library

Upcoming story times at the Tewksbury Public Library for Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, are Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 11:00 am on April 13, 14 and 27. Books before Bedtime, for ages 5-8, is on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm on April 13, and 27. Toddler Story Time for ages 15-36 months is at 10:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on Thursdays on April 8, 15, and 29. Toddler Story time requires registration. Please call the Children's Room at 978-640-4490 x 204 to register. Please remember, there are no story times held during school vacation week.

Children ages 6-12 can make an

Ink Print Bookmark on Tuesday, April 20 at 2:00. Registration begins on April 13. Children ages 7 to 12 can create a Lion Puppet on Thursday, April 22 at 11:00 am. registration begins on April 13. Preschool children ages 3 to 6 can make a springtime hat on Monday, April 26 at 2:00 pm. Registration begins on April 21. All crafts have limited enrollment and take place in our Craft Room. Please call 978-640-4490 x 204 or stop by the Children's Room desk to register. Please note that craft programs fill up very quickly, so please register early.

Come join Jerry Schneider on

Wednesday, April 21 at 10:30 am as he presents his Butterfly Show and Workshop. Children ages 7 to 12 will learn about butterflies and then make their own butterfly t-shirts. Children attending will need to bring their own white t-shirt to decorate. Registration for this special event begins on April 13. This program is provided by the Bob Jones Fund.

Beverly Granoff will be presenting a special series of Music and Movement programs for children between the ages of 0-3 years. This series will take place on three Tuesdays, April 27, May 4 and May 11, at 10:00 am. Registration is required and begins on April 21. Attendance is required at all three sessions and each child should be accompanied by an adult. This event is sponsored by the Family Foundations Network, a program funded by the Massachusetts Department of Education. The information presented does not necessarily reflect the views of the Massachusetts DOE or the FNN.

Scott Kepnes is back in town and ready to entertain our youngest patrons! Children ages 0 to 3 are invited to a concert of funky folk and rock tunes on Wednesday, April 28 at 10:00 am in the first floor meeting room. A ticket is required for admittance. Free tickets are available at the Children's Room desk beginning April 20. This event is also sponsored by the Family Foundations Network.

Our Book Discussion Groups are a great way to read books and share your thought about them, and meet new people at the same

time. The grades 3 and 4 Book Discussion Group will meet on Tuesday, April 20 at 7:00 pm in the Craft Room to discuss The Sign of the Bear by Elizabeth George Speare.

For more information on children's programs, call Noelle or Karen in the Children's Room at 978-640-4490 x 204. You may also find out about our programs and services on the web at <http://www.tewksburypl.org/childrensroom.htm>.

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NOW THAT'S CLASS. A Touch of Class in Tewksbury held a cut-a-thon last weekend to raise money for Angel Flight, an organization that flies patients needing care to Boston area hospitals for free. From left to right are salon owner Debbie Selfridge; customer Kelly Verrill, seen here with a basket of hair products she won; and Alice Burke, the former owner of A Touch of Class whose husband volunteered as a pilot for Angel Flight.

(Maureen Lamoureux photo)

School Lunch Menus

Week of April 12, 2004

Wilmington Public Schools

Wildwood and Boutwell Schools

Monday - Mozzarella sticks, tomato sauce, steamed carrots, milk/juice, dessert.

Tuesday - Hot dog on a roll, potato puff, seasoned corn, chilled mixed fruit, milk/juice, cool juice pop.

Wednesday - Popcorn chicken, mashed potato, steamed vegetable, chilled pineapple, milk/juice, dessert.

Thursday - Macaroni and cheese, steamed peas, chilled peaches, milk/juice, jello with topping.

Friday - Pizza day, steamed vegetable, fruit cup, milk/juice, dessert.

Wilmington Elementary

Monday - Hot dog on a roll, potato rounds, steamed vegetable, apple slices, milk/juice, dessert.

Tuesday - Macaroni and cheese, soft dinner roll, steamed green peas, peaches and cream, milk/juice, animal crackers.

Wednesday - Hamburger or cheeseburger on a roll, french fries, seasoned corn, chilled pears, milk/juice, cherry ice cream.

Thursday - Pancakes, french toast or waffle sticks, ham and cheese cubes, baby carrots, chilled apple sauce, milk/juice, dessert.

Friday - Pizza, steamed veg-

etable, fruit cup, milk/juice, sun or moon cookie.

Tewksbury Public Schools

Monday - Cup of tomato vegetable soup, cheeseburger on a roll, oven fries, milk, fruit cup.

Tuesday - Syrian bread or wrap with chicken fajita, oven potatoes, milk, homemade frosted chocolate cake.

Wednesday - Spaghetti with meat sauce or meatballs, green beans, hot roll, chilled fruit, milk, homemade cookie.

Thursday - Our own turkey with gravy, whipped potato, garden peas, homemade roll, cranberry sauce, jello or pudding with topping, milk.

Friday - Fruit juice, loaded nachos, rice, milk, fruit.

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Monday - Cheese ravioli with meat sauce, tossed salad, vegetable, garlic bread, fresh and canned fruit, milk.

Tuesday - Chicken nuggets with dipping sauce, rice-a-roni, corn, hot roll, fresh and canned fruit, milk.

Wednesday - Baked pork chop with brown gravy, mashed potato, green beans, hot roll, spiced applesauce, fresh and canned fruit, milk.

Thursday - Hot turkey sandwich with gravy, mashed potato, peas, cranberry sauce, fresh and canned fruit, milk.

Friday - Italian style pizza, tossed salad, garlic bread sticks, fresh and canned fruit, baked dessert, milk.

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by Christina Miceli, CPCU, CIC, LIA

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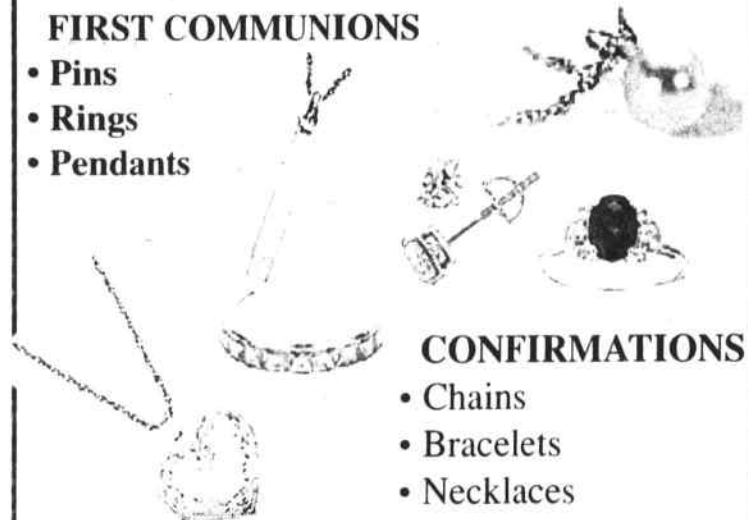
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SOCIAL NEWS



Masons offer scholarship

The Friendship Lodge of Masons is announcing a scholarship to benefit local students and to encourage the Masonic ideals of building better communities.

A scholarship will be awarded this year to a high school senior. The funds are available for the students first year at any college or university.

Interested students should contact Ted N. Morang, Sr. at 978-657-5958 to have an applica-

tion mailed to them. The deadline to have an application filed for consideration is April 23, 2004. The students selected to receive the Scholarship will be honored at a dinner in May.

Graduating seniors who are Wilmington residents who attend Wilmington High School, Shawsheen Valley Vocational, Austin Preparatory as well as other public and private schools are welcomed to apply.

Rebecca Rogers on dean's list

University Missouri-Rolla announces Rebecca Lee Rogers on the list of fall graduates. Ms. Rogers is the daughter of Wayne and Patricia Rogers of Wilmington.

Murray honored at Matignon

Matignon High School in North Cambridge is proud to announce that Wilmington resident Eric Murray achieved Honors for the second quarter for his outstanding academic efforts. The commendation of Honors is given to students who earn B- or above.



Friends of Wilmington Memorial Library

House tours start May 2nd

WILMINGTON - Again this spring, the Friends of Wilmington Memorial Library will be inviting the public to join them for their Wilmington House Tour.

Seven sites will be open for touring on May 2nd from 1 to 5 p.m. Two in the High Street Historic District and in other parts of town including the Silver Lake area.

THE BOND HOUSE

The Thomas Bond Estate is a Victorian Italianate house built in 1854 for Thomas Bond and his family. The Bonds were very prominent in Wilmington during much of the nineteenth century. In fact, the son of Thomas Bond was Arthur T. Bond who created Wilmington's town seal and amassed an impressive collection of historical memorabilia. Until 1864, when a fire destroyed most of its "bake houses," the Bond's owned and managed the Bond Cracker Company which was located less than a mile north of the estate on Middlesex Avenue. Although the Bond Cracker Company never rebuilt in Wilmington after the fire - in fact, it moved to Boston where it continued to operate for approximately another 100 years - the Bond family remained in Wilmington and played an active part in town affairs until at least the end of the nineteenth century.

This stately building is now

the rectory for St. Thomas of Villanova church and has been church property since early in the twentieth century. As rectory it contains living quarters and office space for the parish priest(s) of St. Thomas. The first floor of this three story building will be open to visitors on the tour. It consists of two offices, a living room, a dining room and a kitchen. Although much of the original Victorian detailing of the house has been altered over the years, it still contains some interesting features: the crown molding, floor to ceiling windows and marble fireplace and antique chandelier found in the dining room. The front living room contains wood paneling and hardwood parquet floors that would be very costly to duplicate today and a large brick fireplace in the kitchen suggests a time when fireplaces were functional and not merely decorative.

Advance tickets (\$20) are available beginning Saturday at the Wilmington Memorial Library. Tickets (\$25) will be available on the day of the event at the Masonic Hall on 32 Church St. (Rt 62) which will serve as the tour's hospitality center, where there will be ticket sales, refreshments and public restrooms.

Children under the age of 12 will not be allowed on the tours.

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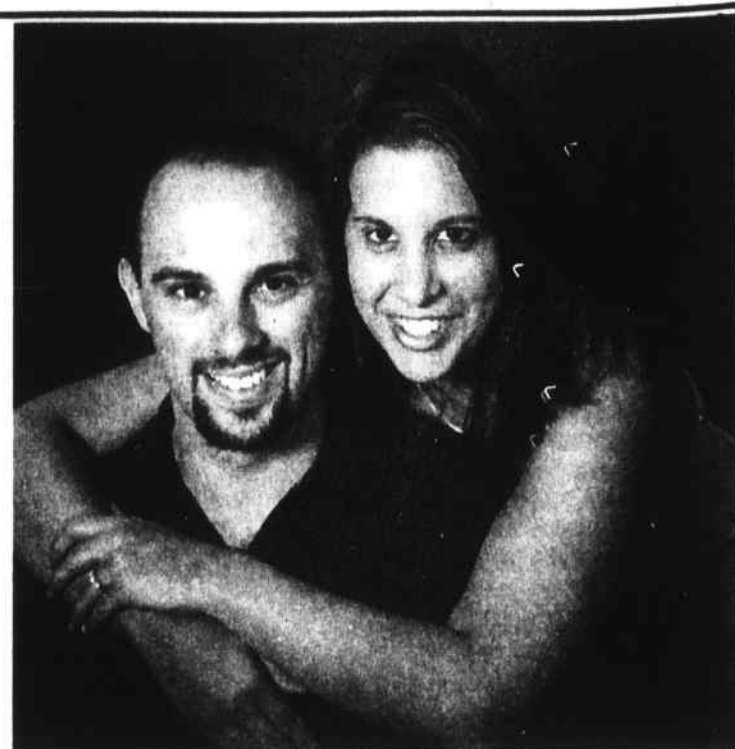
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AnnMarie Barletta to wed Mike McCarthy

Mike McCarthy and AnnMarie Barletta of Wilmington are pleased to announce their engagement. AnnMarie is the daughter of the late Mr. and

Mrs. Anthony Barletta. Michael is the son of Charles McCarthy and Bonnie Freeman. A June 2004 wedding is planned.

Abundant Life Christian School announces honor roll

The second trimester recently ended for elementary school at Abundant Life Christian School in Wilmington. Grades 1-5 reported High Honors, Honors, and Outstanding Effort.

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 Alyssa Rolli
Honors
 Amanda Butler
 Morgan Higgs
 Sophia Kitabjian
 Michaela Sullivan
 Lexi Tamburello
 Justin Wright
Grade 2
High Honors
 Alyssa Cieplik
 Jordan Cohoon
 Tory Cummings
 Rachel Devlin
 Julia Ferraro
 Janet Lee
 Shannon Moulton
 Dennis Scales
 Colleen West
 Sarah Williams
Honors
 Rachel Calaj
 James Gibb
 Michael McLanson
 Tommy Thompson
Outstanding Effort
 Aaron Bernard
 Daniel DiMare
 Daniel Mutter
 Blaine Petty
Third Grade
High Honors
 Ricky Brathwaite
 Garrett Colantino
 Katie Curtis
 Sarah Figucia
 Arianna Fiorenza
 Jonathan Koytila

Jacob Padilla
Christian Schmidt
Rachel Zeppi
Honors
 Ben Bianchi
 Nichols Bradford
 Alexandria Christopher
 Bianca DeVirgilio
 Matthew Devlin
 Adam Finley
 Phillip Jones
 Kristina Robinson
Outstanding Effort
 Nicole Cordero
Fourth Grade
High Honors
 Nick Burnell
 Jessica Griffin
 Nathan Grimley
 Emily Schuh
Honors
 Kristi Anusevitch
 Joey Cruz
 Cassie Hilpert
Outstanding Effort
 Anthony Capozzi
 Joshua Carl
 Lea Gibb
 Eric Hamilton
 Taylor Hobart
 Kevin Mills
 Mia Screnci
 J.B. Thompson
Fifth Grade
High Honors
 Eugenia Ameral
 Brianna Figucia
 Marisa Melanson
 Lauren Tamburello
 Lia Tamburello
Honors
 Kendra Brathwaite
 Kiana DiMatteo
 Courtney Figucia
 Robyn Gonnerman
Outstanding Effort
 Stephanie Mitrano
 Joseph Reddy

Locals students honored at Johnson & Wales

Providence, R.I. - March 2004- The following residents of Tewksbury and Wilmington were recently awarded a Presidential Scholarship by Johnson & Wales University. The scholarship is awarded to students who have demonstrated academic excellence in their high school years and applied and been accepted to the University. The award is renewable for up to four years.

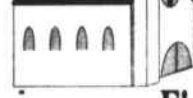
Jason Donohue of Tewksbury,

will be majoring in Computer Graphics; Jacqueline Spry of Wilmington, will be majoring in Sports/Entertainment/Events Management; Michelle Shipley of Wilmington, will be majoring in Criminal Justice; and Talia Khan of Wilmington, who will also be majoring in Sports/Entertainment/Events Management.

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Tewksbury senior citizens

April and May shaping up for senior center

TEWKSBURY - A note of thanks is extended to all those who helped with the Breakfast Benefit at the Senior Center this past weekend and to those who patronized the event. The Seniors and Food Pantry Volunteers raised \$910 for the Food Pantry. The 50/50 raffle winner Sunday was Phillip Zerofski. Congratulations!

The next Senior Center Breakfast Benefit will be held on Sunday, May 2nd. Proceeds from this event will benefit the Senior Center building fund.

Please note all activities are cancelled for this Friday, April 9th including the hot lunch and meals on wheels programs.

The Senior Citizen Softball Players will meet at the Senior Center next Monday.

April 12th, at 10:00 a.m., in the crafts room. It is hoped that players will make every effort to attend this meeting. This is also a time for new players to come on down and find out about the team and the schedule.

A new Japanese Bunka embroidery class will begin on April 12th at 1:00 p.m. New students are welcome. The fee for this spring semester is \$35 per person. For more information, visit the class on Mondays.

Next Tuesday, April 13th, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. one of Tewksbury Senior Citizens, Andree Icardo Joy, will be in the lobby area at the Senior Center for a book signing session. Mrs. Joy recently published the book "As I Remember...Occupation, Resistance, Liberation...the war years" and would love to personally sign copies purchased on this day.

Wal-Mart bingo for Senior Citizens will start up again next Wednesday, April 14th. Caller, Bill Wareham, will begin calling at 8:30 a.m. sharp!

Next Wednesday, April 14th, the craft class will continue to work on preparations for the Senior Center Annual Tea that will be held on Sunday, April 18th. Tickets are still available at the Senior Center for this elegant event. The event begins at 1:00 p.m. with "A History of American Music" by Sara Freeman and Ann Davidson and will be followed by high tea at 2:15 p.m. This event is being funded, in part, by a grant from

the Tewksbury Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

Those Tewksbury Seniors, who signed up for Dr. Smith podiatry clinic, are reminded that the correct date of this clinic is next Thursday, April 15th. This clinic is now full.

Valerie Borgal may be conducting another 6 week semester on drawing and water color painting. If enough Seniors have signed up for this class it will begin on Thursday, April 15th, at 1:00 p.m. This class was scheduled due to the requests of the participants. What is puzzling is that there have not been any sign-ups to date. If you are interested in taking this course, it is suggested that you sign up as soon as possible to prevent the course cancellation! The cost will be \$30 per person. The semester will consist of three weeks of instruction on drawing and three weeks of water color.

An activities meeting has been scheduled for Friday, April 16th, at 10:00 a.m. If Seniors wish to help out with an event or activity, it is expected that one attend at least some of the activities meetings. Work stations will be filled by Seniors in attendance at meetings. Plans are now being made for the Senior Citizen participation in the Town's Memorial Day Parade. Please note that it is expected that there will be representation from the Silver Tones band members and the Red Hat "Carnation Belles" at up-coming meetings. Cooperation in this matter will be appreciated.

The Council on Aging is pleased to announce that the Chairman, Joel Deputat, has appointed Ms. Lorene Patch as a Council member and Warren Layne as an Alternate member to the COA. Congratulations are extended to both. On behalf of the Council on Aging, a special note of thanks is extended to all those people who applied for the positions. The community interest and interest in serving our elderly on the part of the applicants is to be commended and is very much appreciated.

"HEARTY THANKS" are extended to Rita O'Brien Dee and Barbara Chandler. When visiting the Senior Center check

out the chairs in the crafts room. The ladies re-upholster all the chairs and did an awesome job! Building Maintenance Person, Bob Noel, helped the ladies with the hardware.

Several "interest lists" have been posted on the bulletin board at the Senior Center. It is suggested that Seniors take a look at these lists. Information from these lists helps the staff determine day trips. Among the lists are two special projects that the staff will soon initiate. The staff is seeking people to work on a Tewksbury Senior Center newsletter; and, people for a book of the month reading group. Interested? Then sign the interest list. It should also be noted that there is a suggestion box located at the front desk in the lobby. Suggestions, ideas, and complaints are always welcome.

Tickets for the next Senior Center dance of April 23rd will go on sale next Monday. The event will include a buffet at 6:30 p.m. followed by dancing to the sounds of the "Benny Angelo Band".

The next casino trip will be the Mohegan on Wednesday, April 21st. The cost is \$20. Space is still available.

Other April day trips are: the Charlie Prose Show at Foxwood on Tuesday, April 27th at \$56; the Harvard Museum/No Name Restaurant on Wednesday, April 28th at \$6 with lunch on your own; and, the Shriner's Circus on Friday, April 30th at \$3. Home pick-ups are available on the Harvard Museum and Shriner's trips. For information on these trips and others noted, one may call the Senior Center at 978-640-4482.

On Monday, April 3rd, Sandy Dukeshire and the stained glass class will travel to Sandwich, MA to visit the Glass Museum then stop off at Seafood Sam's for lunch. This trip is open to other Tewksbury Seniors. The cost is \$2 per person. This trip is being funded in part, by a grant from the Tewksbury Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council. Tickets go on sale Monday and are limited to 30.

"Best of Times" is offering a trip to Luciano's on Lake Pearl in Wrentham on Wednesday, May 12th, with the main attraction being John Davidson. The trip cost is \$59 and includes the show, motorcoach transportation and lunch. Payment is due by this Friday.

The Duck Tour of May 18th is now full. We are now compiling a waiting list for this trip.

Tickets are still available for the July 19th "Yankee Line" day trip to Rhode Island to see the Tall Ships. This trip includes motorcoach transportation, a 90 minute narrated cruise in

Narragansett Bay to view the Tall Ship Fleet and lunch at the Sea Fare Inn. The cost of this trip is \$82 per person. Once again, due to the popularity of this trip reservations and payments are required early.

Coming up in May will be a Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by the craft class on Saturday the 8th and the Annual Senior Center Art Show of Wednesday the 19th. More information on these events next week.

The Red Hat "Carnation Belles" are reminded that upcoming events are posted on the Red Hat bulletin board at the Senior Center. Flyers may also be found in the lobby. Those Belles wishing to attend the Tewksbury Community Education trip to the Museum of Fine Arts on April 14th must now contact the Community Ed Department at the High School to register.

Please note that all other Red Hat outing business is done by Dee Kerr and Kay Maher on the following days and times: Tuesday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; and, Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Please adhere to these hours. The COA staff will not be handling Red Hat business.

Brief Red Hat notes are: (1) There are only 20 tickets available now for the play "Menopause" on May 20th. The cost is \$40 and due by April 15th. (2) A "Pot Luck Supper" will be held May 12th. The evening's agenda will start off with supper from 5-6 p.m. and then hat decorating from 6-8 p.m. There is no charge for this event. However, one is expected to bring along a food item. When signing up for your ticket, you will be asked what you will be bringing for supper. (3) A Red Hat Birthday Party get-together for "Tewksbury Belles" will be held at the Senior Center on Sunday, April 25th from 2 to 4 p.m. There will be cake and beverages at this gathering. (4) A reminder that the Interfaith Choir will conduct a free concert on Sunday, May 23rd at St. Williams beginning at 7:00 p.m. All "Carnation Belles" are encouraged to attend.

A pleasant week and a Happy Easter is wished to all those people celebrating. God Bless America.



CONGRATS. Sue Hanson, left, congratulated Jennie McCarthy on her success at the polls during the Tewksbury Annual Town Election last Saturday. McCarthy was elected to another term on the Board of Health.

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Obituaries

Evelyn G. Ayer

Longtime Tewksbury resident

WILMINGTON - Evelyn G. (Nichols) Ayer, age 81 years, a long time resident of Tewksbury, died on April 5, 2004, at the Wilmington Health Care Center in Wilmington.

Mrs. Ayer was born on Sunday, May 7, 1922, in Boston, the daughter of the late Leon Nichols and the late Helen (Simmons) Nichols.

She was the beloved wife of the late Ernest H. Ayer, and is survived by her children Faith Stacey of Tewksbury, Thomas Peaslee and his wife Beth of Casco, ME, Arthur Peaslee and his wife Mary Ann of Plaistow, N.H.; her brothers Herbert Nichols of Littlestown, PA and David Nichols and his wife Christina of Norwell; her sister Barbara Houghton and her husband James of Hingham; 9 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. Mrs. Ayer was also the mother of the late Vernon Peaslee of Malden and the sister of the late Marjorie Perrine of Weston.

Her funeral service were held from the W.S. Cavanaugh & Son

Funeral Home and Cremation Service, 374 Main St. (Rt. 38), Wilmington, on Wednesday, April 7, 2004 at 1:00 PM.



Interment was held in the family lot Wildwood Cemetery, in Wilmington.

Memorial donations in her name may be made to American Cancer Society, 30 Speen Street, Framingham, MA 01701.

For Guestbook and Information please visit www.cavanaughfuneralhome.com.

Elaine F. Creedon

Worked at Abraca Debra's; 62

TEWKSBURY - Elaine F. (Comeau) Creedon, 62, a staff member at a Tewksbury party supply store, died Sunday, April 4, 2004, at Lowell General Hospital in Lowell after a brief illness. She was the beloved wife of Timothy J. Creedon, with whom she would have celebrated a 42nd wedding anniversary this June 3rd.

She was born in Somerville, Sept. 16, 1941, a daughter of the late Bernard and Grace (Salisbury) Comeau. She was raised in Somerville, and graduated Somerville High School. She lived in Somerville until moving to Tewksbury 16 years ago.

She will be best remembered as having devoted her life to her family.

Besides her husband, she is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Joanie and her husband Paul Peddle of Londonderry, NH, Cheryl and

her husband Lane Carey of Derry, NH; three grandchildren, Shannon and Conor Peddle and Timothy Hopkins; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Loretta Comeau of ME, Suzanne Demars of FL, Karen Comeau and her husband Mark Cressy of Winchester, MA; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also sister of the late Joseph Comeau.

Following cremation, a memorial visitation will be held Wednesday from 4 to 7:00 p.m. in the Tewksbury Funeral Home, corner of Dewey and Main Sts. (Rte 38) Tewksbury Center, phone (800 or 978) 851-2950. Prayers will be offered at 6:45 p.m. in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Nat'l Multiple Sclerosis Soc., 101 First Ave, Suite 6, Waltham, MA 02451, will be appreciated.

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Robert L. Fletcher

Retired owner of Fletcher Plumbing Company; 72

BILLERICA - Robert L. Fletcher, age 72, the former owner of a Billerica plumbing company, died, Friday morning, April 2, 2004, at the Veteran's Administration Hospital in West

Roxbury, following a brief illness. He was the husband of Pauline M. (Whiffen) Fletcher, with whom he had celebrated a 51st wedding anniversary this past December 23rd.

He was born in Baltimore, Maryland, on May 18, 1931, a son of Raymond and Emma (McDaniel) Fletcher. He was raised in Virginia. He lived in Boston the greater part of his life, and moved to Billerica 26 years ago.

He enlisted into the U.S. Navy upon graduation from High School, and served on the U.S.S. Salem during the Korean War.

He was self employed as the owner of Fletcher Plumbing Company in Billerica.

He was an avid golfer, and held the distinction of having two hole-in-one shots during his golfing career.

Besides his wife, he is survived by ten children and their spouses, Edward T. and his wife Agnes (Smart) Fletcher of Milton, Linda J. Fletcher, Jeanne M. and her husband Thomas Quintiliani, Alan D. Fletcher all of Tewksbury, Patricia A. and her husband Rudolph "Rudy" Ogden of Tyngsboro, Donna M. Ellis and her fiancé Greg Mirabile of Braintree, Cheryl A. and her husband Kevin McQuaid of Derry, NH, Robert L. Fletcher Jr. of Billerica, Sandra L. and

her husband Robert MacIver, Steven M. and his wife Kelly (Moreira) Fletcher all of Wilmington; twenty grandchildren; his mother-in-law, Eva (Deveau) Whiffen of Boston; three sisters, Patsy Anderson, Vivian and her husband Dave Whitted, and Barbara Chandler all of VA; a brother, Alvin "Duka" and his wife Gladys Fletcher of VA, and numerous



nieces and nephews.

He was also brother of the late Edward Fletcher, Shirley Moody, Raymond "Jack" Fletcher, Jean Hester, and Lorraine Barbee.

His funeral service was held Tuesday, April 6, at 11:00 a.m. in the Tewksbury Funeral Home, corner of Dewey and Main Sts. (Rte 38) Tewksbury Center, phone (800 or 978) 851-2950. Interment with Navy honors at Tewksbury Cemetery.

Visiting hours were Monday from 4 to 7 p.m. in the funeral home.

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Agnes M. LaCreta

Worked for Jordan Marsh Company for 48 years

WILMINGTON - Mrs. Agnes M. (Major) LaCreta, of Wilmington, died Wednesday, March 31, 2004, at Woodbriar of Wilmington, surrounded by her family.

Mrs. LaCreta, 96 years of age, was born in Roxbury, MA., she was the daughter of the late Edward M. and Isabelle C. (McKenzie) Major.

Mrs. LaCreta lived in Medford for many years and she was very involved at the Otis Street Methodist Church in Medford, she was also a member of the Eastern Star, and the Access is Mandatory Group (AIM) in Wilmington.

Agnes was employed in the

sales department of Jordan Marsh Company for 48 years. Mrs. LaCreta lived with her late husband Alfred J. LaCreta in Wilmington for many years.

Agnes was the beloved aunt of Isabel and Frank Sferazza, and Peter and Kathy Major all of Wilmington, the Carino Family of Somerville, and the LaCreta Family of Wilmington, she is also survived by many great nieces and nephews.

Funeral service were held at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave., (Rte 62), Wilmington, on Saturday, and was officiated by Rev. Rick Black. Interment took place at Wildwood Cemetery.

William J. Hughes, Jr.

Reading Municipal Light Department Commissioner

READING, Ma. - Bill Hughes passed away at Reading Municipal Light Department (RMLD) April 5, 2004. He was found by an RMLD employee who was making rounds at 6:30 a.m.

In March, Bill was re-elected to his sixth term on the RMLD Board of Commissioners, a position he has held since 1989. He served as Chairman of the Board from April, 2002, through April, 2003. At the March 10 Board meeting, he was voted in as Vice-Chairman.

He was a strong presence in the Reading Community involvement and participated as a member of the "Bright

Lights," an RMLD spelling bee team, that recently competed at the Coolidge Middle School.

RMLD Board Chairman Phil Pacino said, "I was very saddened to hear of the passing of Bill Hughes. He served as chairman at the March 23 meeting when I could not attend. The Pacino and Hughes families go back a long way."

General Manager Vinnie Cameron said, "RMLD has lost a very dedicated commissioner. Since his election to the RMLD Board in 1989, Bill had worked diligently for the RMLD ratepayers and employees."

Mary A. O'Rourke

Served as Selectmen's secretary for many years

WILMINGTON - Mary A. (Mathews) O'Rourke, 81, of Wilmington, died Thursday, April 1, 2004, in Louisville, Colorado, surrounded by her family.

Mrs. O'Rourke was born in Medford, Ma, she was the daughter of the late Patrick and Margaret (O'Brien) Mathews. She spent her youth in Medford and was educated there.

She moved to Wilmington over 53 years ago.

She was employed as a secretary for the Board of Selectmen in Wilmington for many years. Mary was also a very active parishioner in St. Thomas of Villanova Church, and a very involved volunteer for the Access is Mandatory Group (AIM) in Wilmington.

Mary was the beloved wife of the late Francis T. O'Rourke and is survived by her children Michael P. O'Rourke of Westfield, Kerry M. Stern of

Denver CO., David F. O'Rourke of Cambridge, Peter E. O'Rourke of Nashua, N.H. and Ellen O'Rourke-Weaver of Lafayette, CO., her sisters Eleanor Cruess of Cheshire, CT., Margaret Butler of Swampscott, and Patricia Gately of Mashpee, she was also the loving grandmother of 8 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held from the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave., (Rte 62), Wilmington, on Wednesday morning followed by a funeral mass at St. Thomas Church. Interment in Wildwood Cemetery.

Memorial donations in Mary's name may be made for the benefit of her granddaughter to Freidreichs Ataxia Research Alliance, 2001 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 209, Arlington, VA. 22202 or to the A.I.M. Group, 12 Harold Ave., Wilmington, MA. 01887.

Ruth J. Ringwood

Tewksbury United Methodist Church member; 77

TEWKSBURY - Ruth J. (Fuller) Ringwood, age 77, a member of the Tewksbury United Methodist Church, died Saturday morning, April 3, at Genesis Westford House, after a long period of declining health. She was the wife of Edward J. Ringwood Sr., who died in 1989.

She was born in Malden, April 17, 1926, a daughter of the late Irving and Gladys (Jordan) Fuller. She was raised in Malden, but had lived in Tewksbury for almost 50 years.

She will be remembered as having devoted her life to her family.

She is survived by three sons and their spouses, Retired Tewksbury P.D. Detective Paul R. and his wife Catherine "Sissy" (Doherty) Ringwood of Tewksbury, Edward J.

Ringwood Jr. of Tyngsboro, John I. and his wife Maryjane (Silliker) Ringwood of Rockport, a daughter and son-in-law, Linda and her husband Richard Bottis of Fountain Valley, CA; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Edna Harnden of Saugus, Dorothy and her husband Miller Tinsley of TN; nine grandchildren; and three great grandchildren.

Her funeral service will be held Tuesday, April 6, at 1:30 p.m. in the Tewksbury Funeral Home, corner of Dewey and Main Sts. (Rte 38) Tewksbury Center, phone (800 or 978) 851-2950. Visiting hours one hour prior to funeral service, beginning at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday. Interment in Tewksbury Cemetery.

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Richard A. "Dick" Starling

Retired Tewksbury Fire Lieutenant; 68

TEWKSBURY - Richard A. "Dick" Starling, 68, a well known and beloved retired firefighter, died Sunday morning, April 4, at Saints Memorial Medical Center in Lowell.

He was born in Lowell, July 29, 1935, the son of the late Richard and Marjorie (Knowlton) Starling. He was raised in Tewksbury, graduated Tewksbury High School, and remained a lifelong resident of the town.

During the Korean War, he served in the U.S. Navy.

He began his firefighting career as a Call Firefighter in April 1955. He was named to a full time firefighting position on November 21, 1960. He retired from fire service, due to disability, on July 26, 1986, at the rank of Lieutenant. During his career, he served on the Executive Board of the International Association of Fire Fighters, Union Local 1647. Since his retirement, he had served as a "Goodwill Ambassador" for the Middlesex County Retirement Board, and the IAFF Union. In his retirement, he also worked with L. J. DiPalma Construction Company in Tewksbury for over 15 years.

He enjoyed golf, and traveled throughout the world for the game and in his role as "Goodwill Ambassador."

He is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Lynne Starling and her husband Roland "Alan" Lachica of LaJolla, CA; two sons and a daughter-in-law, R. Russell and his wife

Kathleen (Donahue) Starling of Tewksbury; and Grant H. Starling of Tewksbury; three grandchildren, Camryn Lachica, Stephanie and



Stephen Starling; his dear friend Diane Parsons of Dracut; his traveling companion and best friend Larry Driscoll of Dracut and Fla., as well as many dear friends throughout the world.

He was also brother of the late Barbara Cortez.

His funeral was be held Wednesday, April 7, at 10:00 a.m. from the Tewksbury Funeral Home, corner of Dewey and Main Sts. (Rte 38) Tewksbury Center, phone (800 or 978) 851-2950. His Funeral Service will follow at 11:00 a.m. in the First Baptist Church, Andover Rd. (Rte 133) No. Tewksbury. Interment with Firefighter's Honors at Tewksbury Cemetery. Visiting hours were Tuesday 4 to 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

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Barbara J. Bramante

St. William's Parishioner, formerly of Medford; 61

TEWKSBURY - Barbara J. (Geary) Bramante, 61, died Monday, April 5, 2004, at Saints Memorial Medical Center in Lowell, after a long period of



declining health.

She was the wife of Richard D. Bramante Sr., with whom she would have celebrated a 38th wedding anniversary on June 11th.

She was born in Charlestown, Aug. 10, 1942, a daughter of the late John P. and Catherine (McIntosh) Geary. She was raised in Medford, and was graduated from Medford High School with the Class of 1961. She moved to Tewksbury in 1971.

She was a communicant of St. William's Church, and was also an avid reader.

Besides her husband, she is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Richard Jr., and his wife Michelle (Vassil) Bramante of Methuen; three grandchildren, Vanessa, Ethan, and Olivia Bramante; a brother and sister-in-law, John P. Jr. and his wife Dorothy Geary of Woburn; a sister, Marilyn Cowan of Somerville; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also sister of the late Patricia Bevilacqua.

Her funeral will be held Thursday at 9:30 a.m. from the Tewksbury Funeral Home, corner of Dewey and Main Sts. (Rte 38) Tewksbury Center, phone (800 or 978) 851-2950. Prayers will be offered Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in St. William's Church. Burial will follow in Holy Cross Cemetery in Malden. Visiting hours Wednesday 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. in the funeral home. A Memorial Mass will be held April 17, at 9:00 a.m. in St. William's Church, 1351 Main St. (Rte 38) Tewksbury. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Nat'l Arthritis Foundation, P.O. Box 96280, Washington, DC 20090, will be appreciated.

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Elizabeth E. Burnham

Avid gardener who loved the ocean

BEDFORD - Elizabeth E. Burnham, 90, of Bedford, formerly of Wilmington, died on March 31, 2004, at Carlton Willard Village in Bedford.

Born in Winthrop on June 24, 1913, she was the daughter of the late John J. and Nellie (O'Shea) Jenner.

Mrs. Burnham was a graduate of Fitton High School, East Boston and Burdett Business School. She was involved in educational administration with Arlington Public Schools and retired after 25 years as an executive assistant from Harvard University. Her position with Harvard was with the Sociology and Psychology Departments involving grant administration and she received a corporate appointment.

Mrs. Burnham had lived in Wilmington before making her home in Bedford nine years ago. While in Bedford, she attended the Parish of St.

Michael. She loved spending time by the ocean and as an avid gardener of flowers and vegetables.

She was the beloved wife of the late Frederick W. Burnham and is survived by her daughter, Barbara A. Leary and her husband Gerry of Bedford, one son John Burnham and his wife Nan of Virginia Beach, VA., her sister Catherine Jenner of Gloucester and Venice, FL., five loving grandchildren, Kate and Caroline Leary, John and William Burnham, and MaryBeth Burnham Levine and four great grandchildren.

A mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Michael's Church on Monday, April 5, followed by interment at Wildwood Cemetery in Wilmington.

Memorial contributions may be made in Mrs. Burnham's name to the Spastic Paraplegia Foundation, Inc., 209 Parks Rd., Chelmsford, MA 01824

Susan Elizabeth MacKinnon

Active assisting the elderly in Wilmington

WILMINGTON - Susan Elizabeth MacKinnon, 37, of Wilmington died suddenly on April 4, 2004 in Franklin, NH. She was the beloved daughter of Carol (Antonowitch) MacKinnon of Franklin, NH, and the late Henry MacKinnon, The mother of Shana MacKinnon of Wilmington, the sister of Michael MacKinnon and his wife Kelly of Hudson, NH and the dear friend of James McLaughlin. She is also survived by many relatives and friends.

Ms MacKinnon was born in Wilmington, and graduated from Wilmington High School. She assisted at the Senior Center, and also Meal on Wheels.

A Prayer Service will be held at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave., (Rt 62) Wilmington on Saturday, April 10, at 11:00 a.m. with Fr. Horrigan of St. Dorothy's Church.

Visiting hours will be held at the Funeral Home on Friday, April 9 from 3 - 8 p.m.

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Sinclair honored

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threatening the health and safety of residents and the environment.

TAC hosts an annual conference, during which it recognizes community groups that have distinguished themselves over the previous year. This year's conference was held at the Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston on Saturday, April 3, and offered 40 different workshops for guests to attend.

Sinclair received her award For Outstanding Work to Promote and Protect the Health and Safety of Our Communities during TAC's 18th Annual Environmental Leaders Conference.

Sinclair and TOXIC won a major victory this year when an agreement was struck between the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and 25 Responsible Parties (RP's) for the study of contamination at the Sutton Brook Disposal Superfund Site.

The Sutton Brook Disposal Superfund Site is commonly referred to as Rocco's Dump and covers a total of 100 acres in Tewksbury and Wilmington.

TOXIC was one of five groups to receive an award during the conference, with more than 300 attendees representing more than 50 different community groups.

According to TAC Director Matt Wilson, at least 15 other groups were considered for the award ultimately given to Sinclair. He cited Sinclair's ability to establish a strong and effective relationship with the EPA as a major contributing factor in TAC's final decision.

"Having the EPA force responsible parties to the plate was a major feat," said Wilson. "TOXIC was sophisticated in their strategy and knew how to put pressure on the EPA to act. Sue has proven resiliency and the ability to stick with this for the long haul. The folks in Tewksbury and Wilmington have been fighting this battle since Reagan was in office."

Wilson was especially impressed with the praise offered to TOXIC by the EPA when the announcement naming RP's was made; such praise for a community group, Wilson contends, is very rare.

"EPA owes a debt of gratitude to the Townspeople Organized Against Illness and Contamination, a citizen group that has been diligent in keeping our feet to the fire on this project and patient while we took the necessary time to negotiate this agreement," Robert Varney, Regional Administrator of EPA's New England Office said in the announcement made in February 2004. "We look for-

ward to working with the community as this project moves forward."

Sinclair was pleasantly surprised by the award and had no idea that it was coming when she attended the conference. During her acceptance of the award, she thanked those who contributed to TOXIC's efforts. She also encouraged the conference attendees to stay in touch with the people they met that day and to establish contacts with other like-minded groups in their area whenever possible.

"It is an unbelievable honor," Sinclair said of the award. "It is a milestone getting 25 RP's named and this award gives merit to that accomplishment, but we are only now at a brand new beginning and we still have a long road ahead of us."

State Representative James Miceli, who represents both Tewksbury and Wilmington, says that Sinclair is a tireless worker who is well versed in contamination issues.

"I have a lot of respect for Sue," says Miceli. "She is a tireless worker and deserves a lot of credit for bringing to a head the naming of the responsible parties. These two towns owe her and (fellow TOXIC member) Judy Fitterly a lot."

Wilmington Selectwoman Suzanne Sullivan, also an environmental activist, was very pleased to see Sinclair honored

in such a way.

"Sue and TOXIC are much deserving of this award," Sullivan says. "You have to be extremely dedicated to achieve the type of results that she has achieved. She has done a great job and I am really happy to see her recognized for her efforts."

Sinclair's wall may soon run out of room for new awards. She was, for instance, a recipient of the extremely prestigious EPA Environmental Merit Award in 2001, along with fellow TOXIC members Judy Fitterly and Patricia Pelosi. Nearly 100 nominations were considered for that honor, which has been awarded to deserving individuals and groups exhibiting particular ingenuity and commitment since 1970.

She remains oblivious to the attention and simply continues her work.

"I don't feel like I'm doing anything special," Sinclair says. "I'm just doing what I feel needs to be done to feel safe where I live and for my children's safety and future."

Sinclair is putting the final touches on TOXIC's first newsletter, which will be mailed out to members of TOXIC and interested residents. To obtain a copy, send a request via email to toxicroc@aol.com.

Selectmen stick with town counsel

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was reticent to discuss any details coming out of that meeting prior to the minutes being approved and released. However, McCoy was comfortable enough to state that during the session he maintained the position he took on March 22.

"I may be Chairman of the Board, but I am still only one vote," said McCoy. "Let's just say I've been overruled, but I am doing what I think is right."

McCoy stresses that he does not lack confidence in DeRensis's capability or the work he has done on behalf of Wilmington.

"He is doing a great job, but the billing has become a serious issue," McCoy said. "Small overruns would be okay, but it has become a runaway train."

Selectwoman Suzanne Sullivan has not wavered in her support of DeRensis. She is very clear that no formal vote was taken during the executive session, but she came out of the meeting with a sense of optimism.

"I came out feeling hopeful and that we came to some type of resolution," Sullivan said.

DeRensis also opted not to answer specific questions relating to the substance of Thursday night's executive ses-

sion.

"I am currently serving as town counsel of the town of Wilmington and expect to continue to do so," said DeRensis. "I am working diligently on the town's behalf."

DeRensis has recently completed negotiations for a tolling agreement with the Olin Chemical Corporation on Eames Street. The tolling agreement will suspend the statute of limitations for any litigation actions between the town and Olin and is expected to be signed by the board in its next open meeting on Thursday, April 8. Town counsel issues are not expected to be discussed on April 8.

Sullivan is hopeful that executive session meeting minutes will be approved at the board's next regularly scheduled open meeting on April 12, so that the matter can be discussed fully and openly.

Selectman Raymond Lepore also felt the executive session went well, but he remains resolved to keep the town's legal funds in check.

"I think both sides made progress, and I'm optimistic," said Lepore. "But I still have my hatchet at my side and I'm ready to swing it if nothing changes."

Teens' fight leads to court dates

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another, unrelated incident of teen violence in Wilmington during the past few weeks. On Sunday, March 28, two 15-year-old Wilmington girls were arrested and charged with

assault and battery for allegedly attacking two Woburn residents. A third Wilmington teenager, Anthony Sylvia, 19, was also arrested during the incident and charged with assault and battery with a dan-

gerous weapon, which, in this case, was a baseball bat.

The recent spate of violence has troubled many local parents. In fact, the incident on March 23 even found its way into a discussion of the book

"Empire Falls" at the Wilmington Memorial Library a week later. In "Empire Falls," a teenage character named John Voss unleashes a violent act upon his classmates and teachers. The actions of

this character created a healthy conversation on the apparently rising tide of youth aggression in Wilmington.

"Where are the morals and values?" asks one parent, who contacted the Town Crier but

wished not to be identified. "We need to make sure we know where our children are and what they're up to. We need to start making our children accountable for their own actions."

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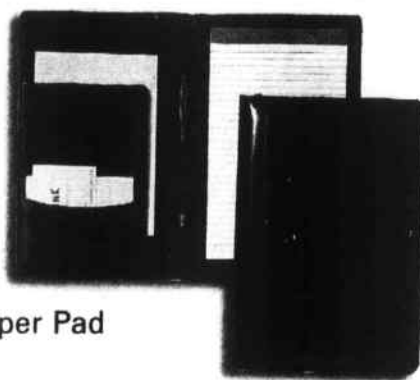


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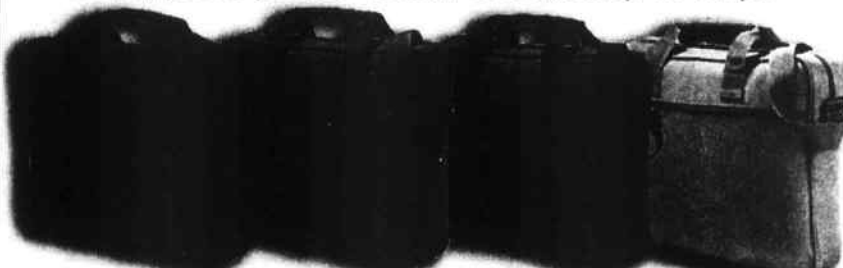
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Operations cease at landfill

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for the purpose of capping a landfill, or former landfill, within a Zone II aquifer protection area. The article passed with a vote of 146 to 72.

According to the Administrative Order, the DEP conducted its audit of MEA's Newton offices relative to the "Other Materials" accepted at the site and found, contrary to MEA's assertion, "that the

50,242 tons of concrete rubble, the 45,969 tons of Intermediate Cover and the 26,728 tons of Vegetative Support Material are subject to the tonnage limitations established."

The Order's Disposition demands the immediate cessation of any additional Closure Material at the site, except for maintenance purposes, with the prior written approval of DEP.

The DEP scheduled an enforcement conference to discuss the issues at the site for March 26. Issues discussed at that meeting included the compliance with the Administrative Order; the submittal of the required Comprehensive Site Assessment and Corrective Action Alternative Analysis for the site; the submittal of additional financial information relative to the cost and revenues associated with the project; and MEA's request to accept additional closure materials.

The enforcement conference was between DEP and MEA only, with no Wilmington officials permitted.

Hannon considered the conference to be extremely productive.

"They finally told us that the DEP agrees that Wilmington's new by-law does not apply to this landfill," said Hannon. "We are demonstrating that the concrete rubble and intermediate cover and vegetative cover are not subject to the tonnage limitations."

Calls were made to Steven Lipman, the Special Projects Coordinator with DEP, to confirm or deny Hannon's assertion, but he did not return messages.

MEA has the right to file for an adjudicatory hearing under the Massachusetts Administrative Procedures Act, and they have made that filing to protect the timeline.



GEORGE HOOPER addressed the Democrat Party Town Committee during its annual breakfast at Rocco's Restaurant on Saturday, April 3. The meal was attended by many candidates appearing on the ballot for this year's Annual Town Election in Wilmington.

(Maureen Lamoureux photo)

Lynne Gordon named Teacher on the Trail

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Arsenault, who has energetically supported Gordon in her efforts, became eager to share the good news with the students and faculty.

Sure enough, while Gordon

was making copies on the Xerox machine during her planning period, Arsenault hopped on the intercom system and announced to the students throughout the school that a new Teacher on the Trail was among them. Gordon then heard cheers echo through the halls of the school.

Actually, if you take a walk through the halls of the Woburn Street School, you will see signs of support for Gordon everywhere. Many of the students have written stories about the Iditarod race for their classes. One student at the school, for instance, took a story that was written about Balto, one of the dogs who made the original run back in 1925, titled, "Balto The Bravest Dog," and changed it to a story about Gordon, titling it "Mrs. Gordon the Bravest Teacher Ever."

"We're thrilled," says Arsenault. "The whole school is behind her. We were thrilled when she was a finalist. That in itself is a tremendous honor. It's wonderful."

Gordon has plenty of appreciation to offer Arsenault and her students and colleagues in return.

"Everybody's been so supportive at this school," Gordon says.

In order to be considered for the prestigious honor, Gordon had to fill out a comprehensive application, which took her the entire month of last November to complete. In addition to the general application, Gordon also had to include several release forms, photographs, a biography, a sample journal, her resume, a tentative 12-month plan for teaching the Iditarod, examples of how she has taught the Iditarod in the classroom, documents and letters of support from school and city officials and details of how she plans to fund the expenses for the trip.

After sending in the 31-page application, Gordon found out on January 9, one week prior to the deadline, that she was chosen as one of three finalists for the Teacher on the Trail.

For the final part of the selection process, Gordon flew to Alaska in March and gave a 45-minute presentation in front of the selection committee and the Teacher's Conference.

The central theme of Gordon's presentation was that the Iditarod race is something real that students can relate to. She stated that it is important to connect teaching to real people and events because students respond to what is real.

At the conference, Gordon was also required to sit and listen to the other two finalists give their presentations.

In her presentation, Gordon also touched upon the areas in which Alaska and Massachusetts are similar. She pointed out that no teacher from the east coast has ever been given this honor. The other finalists are from Wisconsin and Illinois. The current Teacher on the Trail, Jeff Peterson, is from Minnesota.

After all of the presentations were finished, Gordon, along with the other two finalists, was invited to the Pre-Race banquet, the start of the race and the re-start of the race.

While the past few months have involved a lot of work already, Gordon is well aware of the bulk of responsibilities that are ahead.

During the two-week span of next year's Iditarod race, she will be responsible for keeping the teacher's portion of the event's website updated with daily journal entries from the trail. She will have the opportunity to visit the local schools on the trail, interview and speak to the volunteers and the local villagers.

"The itinerary for the trail is flexible, so I don't know all of the stops I will be making," Gordon says. "I will certainly do a lot of research into those cultures of importance to my theme. I will be busy."

Before that, though, she will again participate in the summer conference in June. She will also be responsible for promoting the race in not only Wilmington but the entire state of Massachusetts. She will also be required to make public appearances throughout Massachusetts and Alaska.

Gordon understands that this is not only a great opportunity for her and the town of Wilmington, but it will also be a great test of character and strength. Besides the physical hardships, the cold temperatures, the long days, sleeping on the ground, and more, there is also the emotional toll the experience will take on her.

"Of course I will miss my family and my students, but the best part for my students is that they have seen me go through this whole process," she says. "I have been able to show them that if they really want something in life, it is possible to achieve it. All you have to do is put forth the effort and try your hardest."

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Softball team ready to slug it out



The Wilmington High girls softball team opens its season on Monday afternoon against Amesbury, who they shared the Cape Ann League championship with last season. The 'Cats are coming off two 18-win seasons and are looking to make it four league titles in a row. The team's tri-captains from left to right, Lauren Rappoli, Shannon Fahey and Jackie Joyce, hope they do their share, especially with the bats. (photo by Jessica Stygles).

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

It doesn't take a genius to figure out how to be successful in the game of high school girls softball. You have a good pitcher, a good catcher and the ability to scrape up a run here or there and the chances of coming away as winners are extremely good.

The Wilmington High Wildcats have a very good pitcher who they will once again rely heavily on for this season which gets underway Monday against one of the best teams in the all of Division 2 in Amesbury, who shared the Cape Ann League title with the 'Cats last spring. But third year head coach Bob Surran knows that the team can't rely just on ace pitcher Jackie Joyce.

"I think we're going to be a much better hitting team this year," he said. "Our infield is strong, the pitching is very strong, the outfield is new but I think we're going to score a lot more runs."

Besides the strong pitching and a nucleus of power hitters in the middle of the line-up, Wilmington also has another thing going for them ... tradition. Since the 1993 season, Wilmington has won two state championship titles, nine league titles between the Merrimack Valley Conference and Cape Ann League, and have compiled over 200 wins during that time including back-to-back 18-win campaigns under Surran. With the tradition and talent intact, Surran knows it'll take a lot more than that to continue the pace.

"This will be a tough year in Division two," said Surran, as the program has qualified for the state tournament in 10 of the last 11 years. "But I think it'll be the toughest because of our league with Amesbury and Triton. Central Catholic should be strong but Concord-Carlisle and Burlington both lost a lot and they usually are the front-runners. But I think Amesbury and Triton are going to be very good. North Reading will always be dangerous with their pitcher, Danielle Lajoie."

The Cape Ann League will certainly have its share of tremendous pitchers. Joyce, a returning all-conference and

Boston Herald All-Scholastic, is 33-7 in her two year career including 25 wins coming via shutout. Last year she picked up 18 wins with 14 coming on shutouts, not to mention tossing five no-hitters. She has an ERA of 0.55 in her two years.

"I don't think I've ever seen a pitcher at this level who was as consistently dominant as she was last year," said Surran. "She's so competitive. When she's out on the mound, she simply won't give you an inch."

Besides Joyce, Amesbury has Ashley Waters, North Reading has Lajoie, Georgetown has Megan O'Connor and Triton returns its pitcher giving it a very top heavy class of pitchers, who can all steal away the spotlight at any time. The key for the Wildcats will be defense, and key hitting.

Surran has changed a few positions of his returning players. Senior Lauren Rappoli (who is a tri-captain along with Shannon Fahey and Joyce) will play her third position in as many years. The Town Crier's Female Athlete of the Year, was a league all-star last year as a catcher, despite missing a handful of games to an ankle injury. As a freshman and a sophomore she played center-field. This year, Rappoli, who is going to Stonehill College to play soccer and softball, will move to shortstop taking over for the graduated Stacy Comer, who had the job the previous three seasons. Sophomore Lani Cabral-Pini, who was an outfielder last year, takes over at second base for Lauren Crowley, who also had the job the previous three seasons.

The corner positions remain the same. Senior Shannon Fahey returns at third base, where she made an excellent transition as a junior coming from the right field spot. This is her fourth year as a starter for the program. Senior Corey Iosue returns for her second season at first base.

Junior Julie Martell will be the team's catcher. She filled in very nicely last year when Rappoli was hurt. Her emergence behind the plate gave Surran enough confidence to move Rappoli to shortstop. Julie's twin sister, Katie, takes over in right field, and Surran

said she will surprise many people with her aggressive style and ability to throw runners out, especially at first base on sharp hits. The last two spots have gone to senior Maria Sorrentino, a reserve outfielder last year who seems to have the inside track on the left field position. Sophomore Stephanie Steeves seems to have locked down the center field spot.

Senior Elyse Gambardella and sophomores Kathy Sheerin and Ashlee Joyce also made the team. The last two will serve as back-up pitchers, and could also see time in the infield.

"I'm expecting a big year from Corey (Iosue)," said Surran. "I really think this is going to be a break out year for her. Maria I think will surprise people. She reminds me a lot of Melissa Nichols from last year. Melissa made great contributions as a senior and I think Maria will do the same thing. Rappoli, (Jackie) Joyce and Fahey will be the big three hitters and will bat in the third, fourth and fifth spots. The two Martells can hit."

Surran said he likes the idea of putting the speedster Cabral-Pini as lead-off to set the table for those three powerful hitters. He also said that the No. 2 spot has yet to be determined. He likes Iosue there but she is more of a line drive hitter and sometimes the second spot is held for a contact/bunt player and he doesn't want to take her bat away from her, thus Steeves or Sorrentino could fit there.

Wilmington will be tested right away. On Monday they travel to Amesbury and take on the Fighting Indians, who finished with an 19-2 record last year and return all but one starter from that team. Thereafter, the 'Cats face two tough MVC teams in non-league battles with Tewksbury (home opener on Wednesday, April 14 at 3:45 at the high school) and Methuen (they also face Dracut and Shawsheen Tech in other non-league games); before going back to the league to face North Reading, Masco, Newburyport and Triton.

"We always seem to have the iron at the beginning of the season," said Surran. "Hopefully we'll come out of it OK."

Team looking to make noise after two sub-par seasons

Arms gearing up for a new baseball season

By MATT KALMAN
Sports Correspondent

With as many as eight players available to take the pitcher's mound this spring, the Wilmington High baseball team will rely heavily on its arms to lift it to a better record than the 5-14 mark last year's squad posted.

"That's probably the strongest part of our team right now," said Wilmington third-year head coach Aldo Caira, whose team opens its season on April 10 at Triton. "We have three solid starters and then plenty of guys who can come in."

While left-hander John Stark continues to recover from an ankle injury, the Wildcats will probably start the season with a junior rotation of Bobby Sinopoli, Joe Mayo and Kevin Velardo. When Stark returns, Wilmington could benefit from a four-man rotation.

Senior co-captains Ken Luongo and Sean Godding will also get their turns on the mound, while sophomores Sean Murphy and Jeff Youngclaus five the Wildcats depth. Wilmington's best bet for closing games might be junior Rob Gillis.

With an improved defense, Wilmington's hurlers should be less worried about letting opponents put the ball in play.

"We try to preach to the pitchers to get ahead of the batters

and we tell the kids all we want them to make is the routine plays," Caira said. "They don't have to make the spectacular plays."

Wilmington's corps of arms should also benefit from a change in the Wildcats' coaching staff. Former junior varsity coach Ken Cremer - a former pitcher at Danvers High - has been promoted to varsity pitching coach and he'll handle the hurlers and be in charge of calling pitches during a game. Caira had handled pitch calling in the past.

"It's kind of nice. It's something I don't have to focus on," said Caira, a former third baseman. "I can now focus on the offense and the defense. It'll still be me deciding when we need a change, but I think we're going to benefit from this."

A first baseman, designated hitter and pitcher through the earlier part of his varsity career, Luongo's going to handle the Wildcats pitchers on the field as Wilmington's catcher this season. The powerful Luongo, forecast as Wilmington's No. 3 hitter this season, has overcome an arm injury and taken the position with grace.

"Kenny kind of volunteered and he will make the team a winner," Caira said. "His arm is strong. We took it slow with his the beginning of camp and we

workout our pitchers with weighted balls and he's reported no problems. He's even pitched a couple of innings."

Luongo proved his abilities by nailing a pair of would-be base stealers in an early scrimmage. Sophomore Matt Marden will serve as Luongo's backup.

"Marden's shown signs that he's going to be a really good varsity catcher. He's just a little green," said Caira. "With him working with Kenny, hopefully he can mature at that position."

Murphy, Luongo and a number of players could see time at first base, while Kevin Velardo should replace his graduated brother David at second base. Velardo could also hit at the top of Wilmington's batting order.

Sinopoli and Gillis will play shortstop and third base, respectively. Meanwhile, Mayo will play a number of infield positions.

"(Mayo's) going to be a real key because he'll play shortstop when Sinopoli's pitching, second base when Velardo's pitching and if Gillis is our closer (Mayo) will have to play third at the end of the games," said Caira.

Seniors Dan Travers and Steve Iorio could also play a little infield. In the outfield, Joe Caira should start in left field, Lou Insalaco in center and Godding in right field until Stark returns. Stark could also



The Wilmington High baseball teams opens its season on Saturday behind co-captains Shawn Godding (left) and Kenny Luongo (right). (photo by Jessica Stygles).

serve as Wilmington's designated hitter. Junior Vic Dellisola can also play the outfield for the Wildcats.

A number of players from a junior varsity that stole almost 100 bases should provide Wilmington with more speed this year. And considering they

lost just twice last spring, the former junior varsity players should also bring a winner's attitude to a Wilmington team that's finished below .500 the last two years. Masconomet, Ipswich, Hamilton-Wenham and North Reading will serve as the Wildcats' stiffest compe-

titition.

"Our JV (team) only lost two games last year and we had our share of one-run losses," Caira said. "If we can put things together, we should look pretty good."

Girls track team looks to younger athletes

By SIOBHAN L. WALSH
Sports Correspondent

After closing out a tough spring season last year to the tune of a 3-7 record, Wilmington outdoor girls track coach Tom Bradley is confident that his girls can at least forge ahead towards a winning season this spring.

"I'm not sure how much success we're going to have in the events [in which we are weak], but I'm sure we're going to have points. The goal is to do better than last year," said Bradley.

While Bradley's team, composed most of freshman and sophomores, remains young, he is confident that he has a solid core of girls that will provide the team with some important stability.

Returning captains Melissa Marques and Katherine Chin have scored consistently throughout their careers, and Bradley expects more of the same this spring. Marques usually participates in the middle distance events, while Chin can be relied on more as a sprinter.

In addition to Chin, the Lady 'Cats boasts one of the top sprinters in the Cape Ann League. Sophomore Jackie Mello returns this spring after coming off an impressive winter season, in which she became the first Wilmington girl to participate in the New England Regional Championships in over a decade. Bradley expects that Mello will alter back and forth between the 100 meters and 200 meters early in the season, but she'll eventually settle into one of the two running events, as well as being the team's anchor in the 4x100 meter relay. Mello also participates in the long jump during the spring season and seems poised to have a breakout year in that event, according to Bradley.

"She's got the speed and has very good form. She jumped past 14 last year and should improve."

Another key performer for Wilmington will be senior Debbie Lyons who, in addition to throwing the shot-put and pole vault, will run the 100 meter hurdles and potentially one of the relay events. Lyons qualified for the state meet in both the hurdles and shot-put last year and should easily duplicate that feat this year.

In the throwing events, Bradley expects good things from Alicia Braid. Although she's been somewhat hampered by a case of bronchitis, she should prove to be a consistent performer in both the high and long jumps. Braid will also be one of the team's premier sprinters and should participate in 3-4 events every meet.

In the javelin, Rachel See will be the Wildcats top performer. Last year, she won almost every meet in the event and ended up qualifying for the All-State. Although she only participates in one event, she has proven most valuable to Bradley's bunch.

Another Wilmington thrower, Elisa Maglione should be a consistent threat to score for the 'Cats. Bradley describes Maglione as a "very powerful thrower" and deems her a "threat to win the shot almost every time (she throws)." Ashley Poirer is another girl who could have a breakout year in the shotput.

"She showed a lot of potential last year," said Bradley.

Amongst the newcomers to the team, Bradley has been impressed by sophomore Karla Ellis. Ellis who will participate in some combination of hurdle and jumping events, has looked



The Wilmington High girls outdoor track-and-field team opens its season this week against Ipswich. Last year the team finished 3-7, but this year's team would like nothing more than to improve on that record. The team's captains, Katherine Chin (left) and Melissa Marques (right) hope to lead the way. (photo by Jessica Stygles).

very good this spring, and Bradley even expects that will end up contributing to the relay squad before the year is out.

"She's another girl that is apt to win three events every time out," said Bradley.

Amber Womack is another new comer whose spring abilities have already impressed. In addition to running the 100 yard dash, she'll participate in the high jump.

Bradley will be gratified to see an improvement over last year's 3-7 finish, but he also recognizes with the strength of the league, that will only occur if the 'Cats can develop some of their younger talent. Still, he believes with a strong, central core, the girls will at least be competitive in every meet.

The girls opened their season on Wednesday against Ipswich.

Putting the pieces together

By SIOBHAN L. WALSH
Sports Correspondent

As the Wilmington High School outdoor boys track team prepare to kick into high gear for their spring track season, Coach Bob Cripps remains pensive about his team's prospects. While he is optimistic that the team will compete within the Cape Ann League, he is entirely unsure of what he has as far as a total team package.

"I've got about 54 kids on the team, and I haven't the vaguest idea what they can do," said Cripps.

The team is composed mostly of underclassmen. Cripps had been confident last week that a pre-season meet against Austin Prep would have helped him determine his game plan for the upcoming meets, but as it stands a deluge will force him to make those decisions today when the teams opens their season against Lynnfield.

While Cripps isn't entirely sure what he has for a team right now, he is at least confident that he'll be able to piece together some potent combinations for the Wildcats.

"I think they're going to do fairly well. We've got a lot of people, but it's just too early to well who's going to do what," said Cripps.

While much of the team's success this year will depend on the efforts put forth from underclassmen, Cripps can expect steady individual performance from some of his returning stars.

Senior Mike Kelly, who missed the entire spring season last year due to a nagging hamstring injury, has returned to form this year and is running quite well. Cripps expects that he will set the pace for Wilmington's sprinters and should be one of the top runners in the league in both the 100 and 200 meters.

"He has promised to stay healthy this year," said Cripps.

Another key runner for the Wildcats this year will be Brian Schell, who will drop down to the 400 meters for the first time in his career. Schell has consistently been one of Wilmington's leading point scorers, as well as a State qualifier in the 800 meters, but Cripps is moving him down to the 400 meters this spring. Because the field events tend to be so up in the air right now, Cripps is hoping to maximize points in all running events.

Senior Shane Gaffney who has run the mile in previous year will also change events this year, and he will spend his spring season as a consistent contributor in the 800 meters.

"He'll be one of the top runners in the league in that event," said Cripps who is confident that he will also receive contributions from P.J. Russo in the 800.

In the mile, Wilmington's top runner will be Chris Murray who is coming off another impressive winter season, in which he consistently won races for the Wildcats. Murray was the Cape Ann League's top runner in the event a year ago, and Cripps expects that he will once again be a potent

force in the league this spring. Sophomore Alex Chalmers is also coming off a very solid winter season and should score points consistently in the mile. In addition, Cripps hasn't ruled out major contributions from newcomer Tyler Summers who has looked very good in practice.

In the spring's major distance event, the 2-mile, the prospects are not quite so bright for the 'Cats. Senior Todd Chen, diagnosed recently with a stress fracture, will be relegated to the role of scorekeeper, which leaves Wilmington with their best long distance runner on the bench. Cripps is hopeful that sophomore Sam Oglesby will help fill some of the void left by Chen. Oglesby has been able to score points for the 'Cats in the past, and Cripps believe he has the ability to become more consistent for Wilmington.

In the hurdles, Wilmington will be represented by a core of veteran runners, consisting of Eric Pelletier, Chris Caizzo, Brian Giamberardino and Rick Fudge. All four have performed well in the past, and this year will be jointed by senior Dennis Robillard who has always run in the snow, but never come out for the spring season until this year. Cripps has also been impressed by freshman Mike Stewart and expects that he will score points for the 'Cats in the high hurdles.

As usual, Wilmington's Achilles heel seems to be the throwing events. While Cripps can rely on Will Niemann and Dave Celli, who both throw the disc and shotput, he is less certain about the team's ability with the pole vault.

The good news is that Cripps has gladly accepted the services of former pole vaulter Jason Hague, a member of the coast guard who has been working this spring with the Wilmington boys in the event.

"We've got about eight hopefuls in the mix, and we'll see what we've got once we put them in a real meet," said Cripps.

Meanwhile, Wilmington's main javelin thrower will be Giamberardino, who did enjoy some success in the event last season.

In the jumping events, Cripps is hoping that someone will emerge in the event. The team's prospects in the triple jump are less ominous. Seniors Jared Miller and Mike McPherson return in that event and Cripps also expects contributions from junior Bill Papageorgiou.

On a side note, Cripps is hopeful that next year there may be a chance for the Wilmington kids to host some meets at home. The town will vote later this month to either authorize or reject funds for a proposed track at Wilmington high school.

"I'm planning on having some home meets next year in the evening - that way more people can come and see the kids. They are certainly deserving of it," said Cripps.

Eighth grade girls clinch league title

On Sunday February 29th, the Wilmington Girls 8th Grade B basketball team clinched the River Valley League East championship with a hard fought 24-17 win over Pentucket.

The Wildcats exemplified teamwork throughout their 12-1 season. Their only league loss was a one-point defeat to Newburyport in the 2nd game of a double header for the Wildcats.

The 8th Grade B Wildcats are a combination of 7th and 8th graders that competed in the River Valley League 8th Grade-East division.

Coach's Bob Danehy and Scott Nolan were blessed with players that quickly took to the



The Wilmington eighth grade girls basketball team clinched the River Valley League East Championship title this past week with a win over Pentucket. (courtesy photo).

"team" aspects of basketball. These girls developed quickly into true team and became a force, even while playing against teams that had been together for 2-3 years.

The Wildcats were led by leading scorers Brittany Winchell, Lauren Frissore and Cameron Woodbury. Brittany Danehy, Casey Otovic and

Brittany Concannon provided outstanding leadership. Kim Stockton and Jade Spada provided excellent post play and rebounding. Seventh graders Lisa Rooker and Brittany Schuh chipped in to handle the point guard position while Stephanie Warnick and Colleen Kennedy helped out too.

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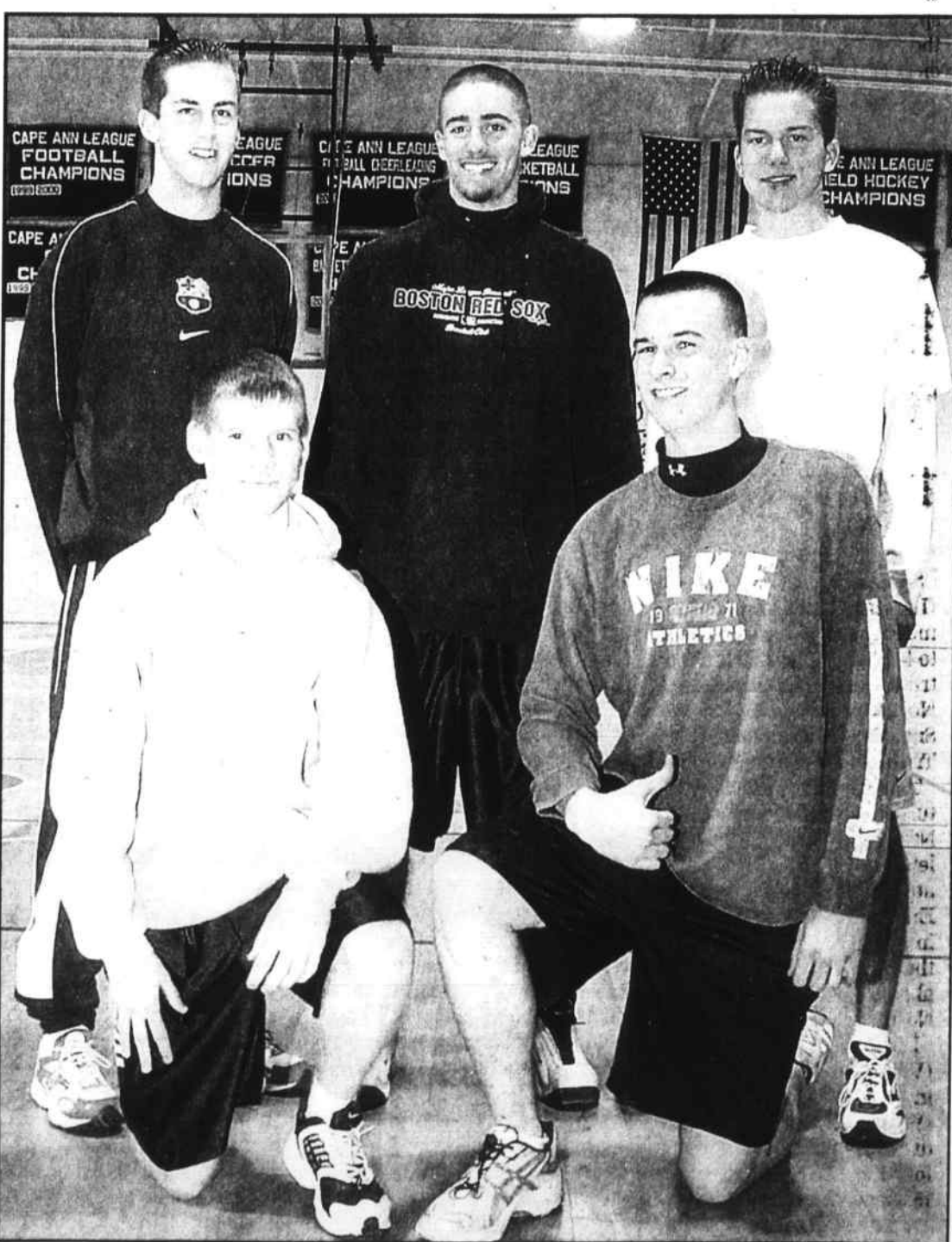
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The Wilmington High boys track team will be led by seniors, back row from left, Mike Kelley, Dave Celli and Shayne Gaffney, as well as Brian Schell (front left) and Jared Miller (front row, right). (photo by Jessica Stygles).



The Wilmington High boys tennis team will be led by co-captains Derek Trueira (left) and Dan Chalmers (right). (photo by Jessica Stygles).

Boys tennis team sets realistic goals

By MIKE IPPOLITO
Sports Correspondent

The Wilmington High boys tennis team was scheduled to open their season on Monday afternoon at Masconomet and coach Matt Hackett and his squad were hoping that the match would be the first step toward improving on last year's 5-11 record.

Hackett has good reason for optimism regarding his veteran squad, as despite winning just the five matches last season, they were in position to win several more and they also return almost their entire roster from that team.

"We have the majority of the team back and I feel very fortunate in that regard," Hackett said. "We did lose our first singles player and that is always tough, but we have the greatest group of guys here and they are all excited for the season and they all have experience at the varsity level."

The Wildcats will have their hands full in the stacked Cape Ann League with competition from such perennial powers as Manchester, Hamilton, Wenham, Lynnfield and North Andover. But a look at the Wildcat roster seems to indicate that their opponents will have their hands full as well.

Senior Derek Trueira who played second singles last season, posting a record of 14-2, has moved up to first singles this season. Trueira is not your prototypical tennis player, as he also excels in both football and basketball, but prototypical or not he is a formidable opponent for anyone he comes up against.

"He is one of the more athletic kids I've seen," Hackett said. "He is able to use that athleticism to adjust to different sports. He quickly picked up the game last year and became one of the top second singles

players in the league."

Second and third singles will also be filled by experienced seniors, once again each of whom is moving up one slot from last season. Lou Auciello will compete at second singles for the Wildcats, and after having a strong season at third singles last year Hackett sees big things for him this season.

"Lou is a very aggressive tennis player. He never lets his opponent dictate the game," Hackett said. "He has got a great serve and because of his aggressiveness he is also able to get a lot of points by going to the net."

Third singles will be filled by Chris Ng, and Hackett says that he may have an advantage of many of the opponents he faces this season. Ng played both third singles and first doubles last season.

"The third singles player on many teams is not necessarily your third best player. Often times it may be your sixth or seventh best player," Hackett said. "Chris is our third best and I am very confident that base on his experience last year and some of the matchups he will have he will be successful. He is such a consistent player that he just wears his opponent down."

The first doubles team will be seniors Dan Chalmers and Brandon Kelly. Once again, both players bring experience to their positions.

"Dan played a lot of first doubles last year and was very consistent," Hackett said. "Brandon played second doubles last season and he has shown great improvement in his game so far this year. They have never played together before so they need to develop some chemistry together."

Chalmers will also serve as one of the team captains, joining Trueira in that role. With

so many seniors, Hackett had many capable choices for captain to choose from.

"I put a lot of thought into it and these two seemed to fill the role best," Hackett said. "Derek is a little more of a vocal leader, while Dan is more of a classic lead by example type. Together they form a nice balance."

Second doubles will be a rotation of four very promising players for the Wildcats. Senior Joe Costello will be joined by sophomores Brian Garrett, Dan Kline and Mike Haepers.

"They have all been playing well, so based on the opposition we will try to divvy up their time evenly," Hackett said. "Joe, as the senior will see a lot of time, but the sophomores have all also shown enough to earn this opportunity."

Given the level of competition in the Cape Ann League, Hackett knows he has to temper expectations for his veteran squad. That being said, he is not afraid to predict that his team will be able to reach some realistic goals.

"Of course you always want to win your league and go far in the state tournament," Hackett said. "But you have to be realistic and I think a realistic goal for us to start the year is to qualify for the tournament. Once we do that, we will set new goals and go on from there. I think we have a legitimate shot to qualify for the tournament and win a couple of games there."

Wilmington's match against Masco was postponed Monday to Tuesday and results weren't known as of presstime. The 'Cats are back in action against neighbor North Reading, at their place on Thursday afternoon.

Girls tennis team looking for much more success

By MIKE IPPOLITO
Sports Correspondent

Last season was a tough one for the Wilmington High girls tennis team. The Lady Wildcats struggled to a 1-15 record under first year head coach Kevin Welch, and could never seem to win the numerous close matches they played in while trying to compete in the very tough Cape Ann League.

Still, after such a long and difficult season Welch and his team are approaching this season with a great deal of confidence. Both coach and players learned a lot about each other last season and while Welch isn't looking for any miraculous turnaround, he also doesn't feel his team is as far away as some may think.

"Our record last year really didn't reflect how we played," Welch said. "We played a lot of matches that could have gone either way. Once the losses start to pile up that kind of thing can snowball. Hopefully this year we can look to improve in some of those close matches."

Looking to help the lady Wildcats improve will be a roster that includes seven seniors including four returning starters. The veteran roster should prove to be an asset against some Lady Wildcat

opponents, and Welch says it will be important for his team to get off to a fast start.

"I definitely look for some improvement with the number of seniors we have. I think they can use their experience to their advantage," Welch said. "I think it is important that we start strong. We've got some tough early matches against some league powers so it would do a lot for our confidence if we could get one or two."

The first of the seniors that will be counted on this season will be first singles player Katie Riley, who is in her third season as the Lady Wildcats number one singles player.

"Katie is a real smart team player and last year we saw a lot of growth from her," Welch said. "She learned how to win last year and we think she can continue that this season."

At second singles, Reilly will be followed by fellow senior Allison Flynn.

"Second singles will be a critical position for us," Welch said. "If we are going to be successful we will need Allison to have a strong season. I think she is capable of that."

Reilly and Flynn will also serve as the team's co-captains. The two seniors seem perfectly suited to this role and they have obviously earned the support of their teammates in filling the

role.

"Katie and Allison are definitely the leaders of the team," Welch said. "I put it up for a vote with the team as to who the captains should be, but even before I did that, I knew they would be selected because they are well respected by their teammates."

Third singles will be capably filled by senior Lauren Sartoris. "This is Lauren's first varsity experience so she is still developing her skills in a lot of areas," Welch said. "But I think she can do a nice job for us in the role of third singles."

The Lady Wildcats doubles teams may be a place where they can make some hay against their opponents. Starting the team off will be the first doubles combination of seniors Lauren Cushing and Tiffany Zolt. The two paired up for several matches last season and Welch feels that experience could be critical to their success.

"That kind of experience is crucial in doubles," Welch said. "A big part of doubles play is communication so if you are able to know where your partner will be in certain situations it will make you that much more successful."

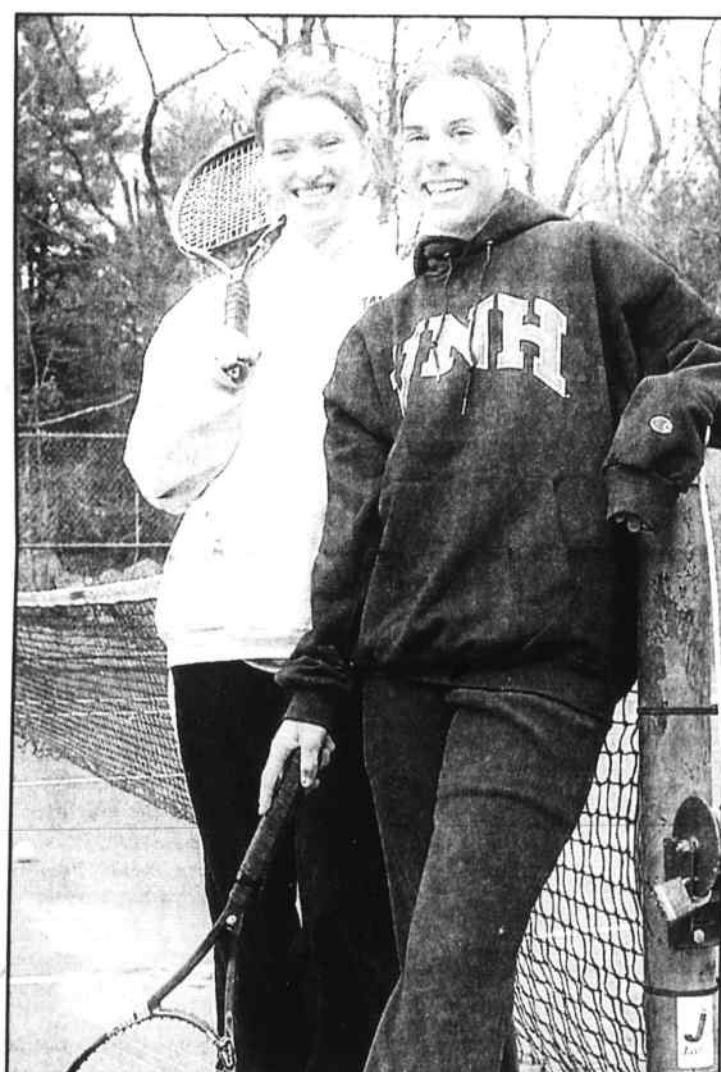
At second doubles the Lady Wildcats will be looking for big contributions from seniors Jenna Cramella and Melissa Estremera.

"They played together a little last year and really showed some promise," Welch said. "As seniors we expect quite a few points out of them in second doubles. As the year goes on we will be looking for more and more from both of our double teams if we are going to be successful."

With a very strong Cape Ann League that features perennial powers such as Lynnfield and Manchester as well as tough opponents like Masconomet, Welch knows his teams will have its hands full in every match. But he also feels his team has the tools necessary to improve.

"At the start of any year the goal is to qualify for the state tournament. That being said that would be a pretty huge turnaround for us," Welch said. "I think it's something we can do and that would be a huge accomplishment for us. But any improvement over last season would be making progress and would be a good step for this program."

Wilmington opened its season on Tuesday at home against Masconomet, and will also face Lynnfield on Wednesday and North Reading on Thursday.



The Wilmington High girls tennis team will be looking to improve on last year's one-win season behind co-captains Katie Riley (back) and Allison Flynn (front). (photo by Jessica Stygles).

Gustin helps out 'Hawks track team

Sophomore Jeff Meehan (Lowell, MA) captured the 400 meter hurdles in 56.02 seconds to lead the UMass Lowell men's track and field team at the Northeastern University Snowflake Classic at Solomon Track.

The non-scoring meet featured colleges from all three NCAA divisions as well as athletes representing post graduate track and field clubs in New England. Meehan placed first in a field of 19 runners and won the race by 0.33 seconds, just ahead of Charles Cameron of Northeastern (56.35 seconds).

Freshman Jason Gustin (Wilmington, MA) placed 11th in 2:02.56. Junior Ian Hunt (Woburn, MA) paced UML's distance runners, placing fourth in the 5,000 meters in 15:30.37.

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JV coach gets promotion

Familiar face
tabbed as new
field hockey coachBy JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

Taking over a program which has won 312 games and 14 league titles since 1970 is never an easy task. But taking over a program which she knows all about makes it a much easier transition to make.

This past week, the Wilmington High athletic department named Carol Mutchler the new varsity field hockey coach. She takes over for Patti Cushing, who resigned last October after spending six seasons at the helm.

"I'm absolutely thrilled," she said. "This is a good place and one that I'm comfortable with. I think now that I'm a little older this fits in with me a lot better because I'm working with the kids now in the high school and I think being a teacher and a coach is a good mix. The opportunity presented itself and I'm all too happy to take it on."

Mutchler, 49, was Cushing's assistant/JV coach the past six years. She becomes the seventh coach in the history of the program and the fourth since Jan Cassidy-Wood resigned following the 1992 season. Mutchler, who has lived in Wilmington her entire life, played under Cassidy-Wood her varsity season in 1971 as a right back for the team that won a Merrimack Valley Conference title.

Since graduating as a Wildcat in 1972, Mutchler received a bachelor's degree in biology where she worked 14 years as a medical technician in a hospital. She took several years off from that job to take care of her four children, Matt (WHS graduate in 1996), Adam ('00), Bethany ('01) and Janessa ('03). Over the past few years she went back to school and received her teacher's certificate. She is now in her second year as a science teacher at the high school.

That, being a teacher and being involved with the program for the past six years really appealed new athletic director Ed Harrison, who made his first recommendation to principal Ed Woods, who then gave the final OK for the hiring of Mutchler.

Harrison added that another former field hockey player Jodi McKenzie will take over Mutchler's former position as JV coach, and Maura Lynch, another former player, will most likely remain as freshman coach depending on her school schedule.

"I just think to have all three coaches who all played at Wilmington High School and

now coaching is terrific," said Harrison. "I think it's a great opportunity for Carol. I know Jodi is having a ball as a track assistant and she's very energetic so it's nice to have her join Carol and Maura. For Carol I think this is perfect for her. She's a teacher here and she now has the opportunity of running the program."

"Patti did a great job and we're sorry to see her leave. It's a new era now for Carol. I think we're seeing a trend of the old days where you see coaches who are already in the system, which is great for the school and obviously for the program."

Mutchler played under the program's second coach Alice McCarthy, who was among the handful of people first inducted into the WHS Hall of Fame as a coach in 1991. McCarthy was a physical education teacher at the high school, who urged Mutchler to try out for field hockey after watching her participate in her gym class. The suggestion paid off as Mutchler was a senior captain along with Cathy Gillis in 1971, playing right back for the MVC Champions.

"That was perfect," said Mutchler. "I had never heard of field hockey before (she asked me to play). I tried it and once I did it just clicked and I liked it. (Alice) just hounded me to do it and that was a big difference in my life. When you are involved in team sports you build those friendships which last forever."

That's something she hopes she can carry on as the new coach. But she knows she has some work to do. This year's team finished with an 10-8-1 overall record which included a first round state tournament loss to Saugus, 1-0. Many players have graduated from that roster leaving her with plenty of holes to fill for the 2004 season.

"I know we'll have Celine DeMaggio back, Emily Olson and then players like Jackie Moran, Christine Barry, Jessica LeCesse who came up from the JV and Jen Sullivan, the goalie is back, too" said Mutchler. "There's also a few players I had with me on JV who I think will be ready. When the time comes we'll make our move and figure out who fits where. There's some strength coming back. But each team is different. Every year you have to be more flexible but every team is different."

The Wildcats are coming off of its most successful season



Wilmington resident Carol Mutchler becomes the field hockey program's sixth coach, taking over for Patti Cushing. (file photo).

under Cushing, which included qualifying for the state tournament for the second time in her tenure. Prior to that, the varsity team did it 21 times during a 27 year span. Jan Cassidy-Wood coached the team from 1970-'92 compiling a 223-43-52 record, including 16 tournament appearances and 12 league titles. Her assistant of those 22 years, Jan Urquhart took over for the following two years with a 19-8-5 record and appearances in the state tournament each season.

Maureen Noone then took over and served as head coach from 1995-'97 compiling an 32-13-9 record, with two league titles and three appearances in the state tournament. Cushing took over for Noone, who left before the 1998 season to take the same position at Andover High.

In her six years, Cushing had a 38-45-27 record, including two trips to the state tournament. Two of Mutchler's daughters, Bethany and Janessa played for Cushing during her tenure.

As those four coaches - Cassidy-Wood, Urquhart, Noone and Cushing - combined for a 312-109-93 record since 1970, one thing for sure is that the program has not won a state tournament game since 1992, which was Cassidy-Wood's final season. After beating Georgetown and Hamilton-Wenham, the 1992 'Cats were defeated in the third round by Manchester.

Since then the 'Cats are 0-6 in

the state tourney. Mutchler would obviously like that to change with her now on the sidelines. However, she said she keeps pretty simple philosophies when it comes to coaching.

"We play to win but we also play for every girl on the team becomes a better player," said Mutchler. "We'll try to be aggressive with offense as much as defense which is very important. We'd like to have a fast team, but I think if the team is dedicated that's very important. We hope to be aggressive especially inside the '25 and inside the circle. You can only tell the girls so much from the sidelines. From there it's the girls and how motivated they are and how hungry they are for the ball."

Prior to coaching the JV team for six years, Mutchler also headed up the Jr. High program for the same amount of time. Now with 12 years of experience of a coach, as well as playing the sport in high school, Mutchler feels that she has enough to push the program back to its winning ways.

"I'm excited and very proud (to be named coach)," she said. "It's wonderful especially living in this community and being with girls who want to play the same game that I love. I'm very enthusiastic and very proud about getting the opportunity."

It's the right choice
for everyone involvedBy JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

Just four months into the job, new athletic director Ed Harrison made his first recommendation for a new coach this past week and principal Ed Woods agreed that Carol Mutchler deserves a shot for the varsity field hockey position.

I'd like to throw in my two cents and agree with both Harrison and Woods that this is the right choice for the position.

The first move for Harrison made sense but at the same time it's a move that was a safe one for him. He doesn't dive into the controversial world by making some odd decision. He could have done that, but didn't. While he probably didn't want to make a flashy move to start his tenure off, he made sure he made the right one.

Mutchler has been a successful JV coach under Patti Cushing, the varsity coach who gave her resignation in October after six years. While she has no prior varsity coaching experience, Mutchler still has enough on her resume. She played at WHS under former coaches Alice McCarthy and Jan Cassidy-Wood, including being a captain on the 1971 team which won the Merrimack Valley Conference title.

She started off coaching the Jr. High program for six years before spending the past six years as the JV coach, giving her at least 14 years of experience in the sport. Add to that, she's in her second year as a science teacher at the high school, which makes the transition to the student-athletes that much easier, not to mention the time factor for games and practices.

This hiring reminds me a lot of when Steve Scanlon was hired as the new ice hockey coach back in 1991. He had spent a handful of years as the JV coach, and he got promoted once Bill Cullen left for Andover. Scanlon was also a former player in the system and look what his hiring has done for the hockey program.

I see a lot of similarities between Harrison and longtime Tewksbury High athletic director Bob Aylward. Obviously there were both football coaches, who have turned in their whistles for the office job of scheduling games. Both of them have similar personalities. They both are on the sidelines as athletic directors cheering all of the kids and teams on every single chance they get. They both also have the same traits when it comes to hirings: if you can get a teacher in the system, preferably from the town, and who was a former player, then bingo you have a match.

Certainly there's been arguments that you want to hire the best person for student-athletes no matter if her or she is a teacher or if he or she sells cars for a living. However, there's nothing wrong with hiring from within, especially if that new

coach has paid his or her dues. Carol Mutchler has. She spent six years as a JV coach and that's certainly a good amount of time before the big jump to the varsity. Sometimes in the long run, that choice from within the system doesn't pan out. But there's nothing wrong with trying it out. Sometimes when you hire from the outside it doesn't work out well either. It's always a crapshoot when it comes to hiring coaches, whether at the high school, college or professional level.

This hiring I think makes sense, and it also is in the best interest for the females of Wilmington High. They get a very caring, very dedicated person in Carol Mutchler, who loves the game of field hockey and who of the games I've seen, seems to have the knowledge, the respect and the strategies needed to be behind the bench.

I can remember my days at WHS. For the boys sports, the soccer and baseball teams under Dick Scanlon were always very good, while we had some productive years in hockey too (with me on the bench of course). For the girls sports, there was nothing but field hockey. Softball hadn't made the impact it would end up making at the time. Basketball struggled, volleyball really struggled and so did the track and cross country teams.

When I was at the high school, there was the Jan Cassidy-Wood dynasty. When you had Cassidy-Wood as a gym teacher you automatically respected her because you knew, and everyone else knew, that she was one of the best field hockey coaches around, but certainly the best thing Wilmington had. So instead of being a typical teenager giving teachers problems, Cassidy-Wood was one you didn't because you had that respect for what she accomplished as a coach.

She ended up resigning a year after I graduated. The program, although successful with a record of 89-66-41 since she left has not been the same. It peaked for the few years Maureen Noone had the job, but certainly the same intensity, the same respect and the same dynasty which Cassidy-Wood spent 22 years building has not been there for quite some time.

Now at the high school, instead of field hockey being the end all be all for female sports, it's probably 5th or 6th in line. Part of that is because of the emergence of softball - which won two state titles and seven league titles since Cassidy-Wood left her position - while teams like volleyball, soccer and girls hockey have moved up the ladder of popularity because of its success lately.

So now Carol Mutchler has a lot of work to do. But I believe while she might be backed into a tight corner right now, she'll come out with flying colors and get this program back on its feet where it belongs.

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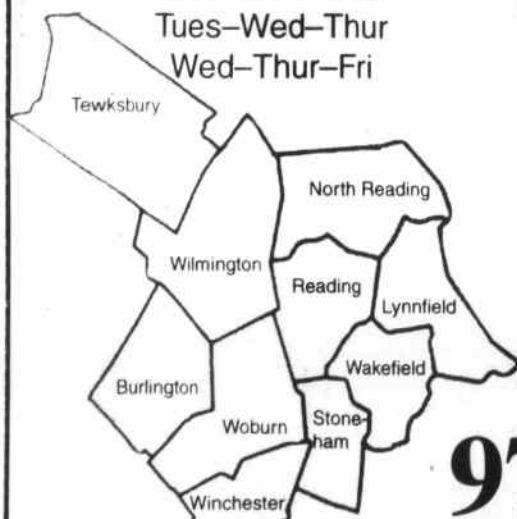
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Predictions run wild for spring season

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

Last year at this time, we witnessed tons of snow on the ground and the start of the spring sports season delayed more times it takes for local selectmen to actually make a decision.

Now instead of the snow, we have the rain and the cold weather which has pushed the season back a few days. Hopefully, if Mother Nature cooperates, we'll see high school action on the diamond, track and tennis courts very soon. Let's dip into the crystal ball and see what kind of predictions we have for the local baseball and softball teams.

Baseball
Wilmington -- This team should be a lot better than the past two years. We all knew it would take two rough years before the 'Cats would come back to life and put a real competitive team on the field. Last year was much better and they have been in a lot of

close games over the two years which they lost. This year's team has a lot of pitching -- whether or not it's arms or good arms remains to be seen but that's always the first place to begin when you want to have a successful baseball team.

I think the hitting will be better. The important thing is to get people on base in front of Kenny Luongo, who if teams do their scouting, will receive a lot of walks if the table setters don't do their jobs. But older players like Sean Godding and Robbie Gillis to go along with a healthy Jay Stark and a younger guy like Sean Murphy should be enough -- with the abundance of pitching -- to push this team into playoff contention. Anything else will be a total disappointment.

Prediction: 11-9.

Tewksbury -- There's nothing like hanging out on a lounge chair, on a clear sunny sky behind the fence at Strong

Field watching, listening and taking in the entire experience you get at a Tewksbury baseball game. Regardless if the team is 20-0 or 0-20, there's nothing like it. No matter the record, head coach Ron Drouin makes sure each and every pitch that his players give him everything they have. What more can you ask for?

This year might be tough for the Redmen to salvage another 15, 16 or 17 win season. With the iron they face in the league and losing seven starters from last year is going to be tough. That said, this team is going to be much better than people think. There's so many hard working, good all-around athletes on the team. The chore will be creating runs. While you see the bunt, steal and hit-and-run a lot in softball, you should see it a lot more with this team.

There's a five-year run of winning the MVC Division 2

title. In some weird circumstances, whether it be strange scores or records, I believe they'll make it six. It's going to be a long up and down battle for this team, but I think in the end they'll be alright.

Prediction: 11-9, small school title.

Softball

Tewksbury -- Last year was very odd. The team hit a major snag during the middle of the season losing six of seven games, then won six in a row only to lose to Saugus in the first round of the tournament. Looking back, Tewksbury was better, however, they were extremely young.

That's the case once again this year. The infield could be made up of a junior, a sophomore and two freshmen, while the battery has two juniors. Hitting is going to be the difference of a six game swing for this team, whether it be wins or losses. They should beat the teams they are better

in like Lawrence, Notre Dame and so forth, but games against Billerica, Westford, Andover, Methuen and Lowell will come down to the one-run. Then they have games against some very good teams such as Chelmsford, Wilmington and Central Catholic which certainly will be tough to win if they don't hit.

I expect a break out year for center fielder Dina Ferreiro. Danielle Delponte has really improved on her swing and if she can continue to make contact, having Dina get on base in front of her will be the difference of a few wins. The pitching and the defense should be good if not very solid. The hitting is the big question mark.

Prediction: 10-10.

Wilmington: This team is coming off two 18-win seasons and should be around that mark again this season.

Amesbury and Triton will give this team a lot of problems. Amesbury is a big-time

favorite for a state title; returning all but one starter from last year's 19-2 season; Wilmington has the pitching; good enough hitting and the infield defense. The questions come from the outfield, and who will get on base so the sluggers -- Lauren Rappoli, Jackie Joyce and Shannon Fahey -- can drive them in?

I believe that if the 'Cats can score a run in their first at-bat the majority of the time, it'll really set the tone for so many games with Joyce on the mound dominating games.

I think Wilmington is also a state contender, only if the outfield play comes together and the table setters do their jobs. My guess is that this team will go very far, but I'm also going to predict that before the season is out, Surran will slide Rappoli to the second spot, followed by Fahey third and Joyce fourth.

Prediction: 17-3.

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The SUNS Boys U14 Club team travelled to Virginia last weekend and came home Champions of the Prince William Ice Breaker Soccer Tournament. The Championship game came down to penalty kicks, and the Suns proved to be victorious. Pictured above are Wilmington 8th graders Matt Figueiredo, Vinny Papageorgiou and Mike Condell. The Coaches are Leo Figueiredo and Mike Papageorgiou. (courtesy photo)

Letter to the Sports Editor

Previous letter a slam against volunteers

Dear Jamie,
I am writing to both thank and criticize the O'Brien's for the letter they wrote and you published last week. I thank them for their comments about both Coach (Bob) Hand and the benefits of soccer. These comments were accurate and very encouraging. However, it is unfortunate they had to ruin the letter with a derogatory comment regarding the "Officials of the Wilmington Youth Soccer Organization and their infinite wisdom".

For the record, the Board of

Directors of Wilmington Youth Soccer consist of 15 volunteers who give numerous hours of their own time to ensure a successful program for over 1,300 Wilmington children. The success of this program also includes many dedicated coaches such as Coach Hand. Together these volunteers do their best to teach each child about the game of soccer and how to play as a team.

It is unfortunate that a few parents do not appreciate the effort that goes into this program.

What I would recommend is that before a parent makes such comments, they become involved, learn how things work and appreciate the benefits of the program. If they did this, they would understand that everything does not revolve around their needs.

I am a current Board member, however these comments reflect my view and not that of the Board.

Thanks for your time, sincerely,
a dedicated and appreciative parent,
Mark Nasiff

Pee Wee C's very busy

The Pee Wee C's drove to Lawrence Academy to meet Hollis's Pee Wee B's. The Cats were slow to get going giving Hollis the first two goals of the game.

The Cats came to life in the second period getting their first goal when Kelly Brandano grabbed the puck in the neutral zone passing up to Peter Leighton who passes cross ice to Brett Kidik who roofed the puck.

The defensive lines of Steve Piscatelli, Brian Fitzpatrick, Brian Good and Cori Michaels kept play out of their zone allowing minimal shots on net. Steve Cadigan made some great saves in net. Halfway through the second period, the Cats tried the game when play became heavy in front of the net as the Cats had multiple shots on net, Jared Ravagni got the puck in the net with a back handed shot. Hollis took the lead again in the third period.

The Cats offensive line of Mark Flanagan, Ryan Derian, Sean Keane and Tim Martens put on the pressure trying to get the puck in the net. The Cats got their wish with five minutes left in the third period when Jared Ravagni deked Hollis' defense to skate in for an unassisted goal to tie the game at 3-3.

The Pee Wee C's met Nashua's Pee Wee B's in dual state play at the new rink in Nashua. Both teams came out playuing great

hockey with neither team being able to put the puck in the net. Steve Cadigan made some great glove saves keeping the Panthers off the board.

The defensive teams of Brian Good, Cori Michaels, Brian Fitzpatrick and Steve Piscatelli had there work cut out for them keeping the play out of the Cats zone and also effectively killing a 5 on 3. With fifty seconds left in the first period the Cats got on the board when Kelly Brandano works the puck from behind Nashua's net to Jim Stokes who set up Ryan Derian in front of the goal.

Thirty seconds into the second period, Jim Stokes grabbed the puck in the neutral zone passed it over to Sean Keane who passed the puck to Sam Grant to top corner the puck for the Cats go ahead goal. Mark Flanagan who worked well offensively having some shots on net but unable to find a hole. Two minutes into the third period, Nashua got on the board to come within one.

The Cats kept on the pressure. Ryan Derian made a nice play when he passed cross ice to Jared Ravagni for a shot that just missed the net. Four minutes into the third period, the Cats got their final goal when Cori Michaels kept the puck from crossing the blue line, Brett Kidik grabbed it and lifted it over the goalies shoulder.

Nashua got their second goal

with three minutes left in the period but the Cats are able to hoth them off getting a 3-2 win

The Pee Wee C's met Tewksbury's Pee Wee C's in dual state play. The Cats dominated the play from the drop of the puck. The Cats first goal came when Peter Leighton shot the puck from the corner to Tim Martens out front who shot the puck past the goalie.

The Cats won the next faceoff as Mark Flanagan grabbed the puck and shoots it into Tewksbury's zone, Sam Grant worked the puck out of the Cats zone setting up the offensive teams of Ryan Derian, Sean Keane, Brett Kidik, and Kelly Brandano each working the puck into Tewksbury's zone keeping their goalie very busy.

The Cats third goal of the first period came with Jared Ravagni's second goal of the game, when he shoots the puck from behind the net to bounce the puck off the goalies skate, Steve Cadigan made some great saves killing any attempts Tewksbury had for goals. Tewksbury's lone goal of the game came in the second period with the Cats short-handed.

The Cats last goal came in the third period when Cori Michaels, at the blue line tipped the puck keeping it in Tewksbury's zone to Jim Stokes for the shorthanded goal giving the Cats a four to one win.

Squirt II's travel North for a big contest

The Wilmington Squirt 2's sponsored by Brothers Roast Beef & Pizza, continue to impress with a tie and win over the weekend. Traveling to Nashua to play a strong New Hampshire East team, the wildcats jumped out to a quick one goal lead with Sara Alonardo driving home a loose puck for the score. NH ties the score late in the second period only to have Jeffrey Goosens score on a nice pass from Nick Pino.

With a lead going into the third period, the team went into its once a game sleep walk and when they woke up, they were behind 3 to 2. Give the kids credit, they came right back and Sara scored her second of the night receiving a great pass from Jackie Mulrenan. The teams traded scoring opportunities the rest of

the game with no more scoring. The win came on Sunday morning with a hard fought 3 to 1 win.

Both teams were eager to play and had numerous scoring opportunities. This game belonged to the Cats as they force the play throughout the game. Jackie Mulrenan scored all three goals for the team with Sara Alonardo and Paul Barbaro picking up assist along the way. Jackie's third goal which iced the game, came on a great exhibition of stick handling and skill to beat the Winchester goalie up high. It was one of the best plays this writer has witness all year. Even with the low score, there was plenty of excitement. Both teams had eight penalties and Winchester had a couple of 5 on 3s that the team killed off to preserve the win.

The defense of Coner Brennan, Frankie Cerbone, Paul Barbaro, Mike Ciampi, Steven Taylor and Gordie Fitch had an outstanding game in front of Nick Luise who also played great. Nick handle every shot but one and had another good game. The line of Drew Cummings, Sara and Jackie played a great game with one of Jackie's goal being shorthanded.

The other two lines of Nick Pino, Tyler MacInnis & Jeffrey Goosens and Trevor Foley, Brendan Munro & Scott Layton continue their fine play with several scoring opportunities only to be denied. The Dual State season wraps up this week and the team is flying heading into the Valley playoffs this weekend. Thanks to the kids for another exciting week of hockey and good luck in the playoffs.

Youth hockey tryouts dates announced

Wilmington Youth Hockey has announced its tryouts dates for the upcoming 2004-05 season. They are as follows:

Monday - April 19 Squirts - 7:20PM A-H; 8:20 PM I-Z
Tuesday - April 20- Bantams - 8:00 PM A-H; 9:00 PM I - Z
Wednesday - April 21 - Pee wee

6:20 PM A-F; 7:20 PM G-M; 8:20 PM N-Z

Thursday - April 22 - Mites

6:20 PM A-H; 7:20 PM I - Z

Monday - April 26 - Squirts

7:20 & 8:20 - TBA

Tuesday - April 27 - Bantams

8:00 & 9:00 TBA

Wednesday - April 28 - Pee wee

6:20, 7:20, 8:20 - TBA

Thursday - April 29 - Mites -

6:20 & 7:20 - TBA

Monday - May 3 - 7:20 - Girls;

8:20 - Midgets

Just a reminder - you need to be registered with WYH in order to try out. Please check the website for any updates.

Pop Warner sign-ups

Wilmington Pop Warner will hold an open registration on April 10, 2004 at the 4th of July Building from 9:00am to 12:00pm for both cheerleading ages 7 to 14 years old (must be 7 years old by 07/31/04) and for football players ages 7 to 13 years old (Must be 7 years old by 07/31/04).

Players must be present to be weighed. All participants must bring an original birth certificate to hand in. (no copies)

Wildcat Hoop clinic

The Wildcat Basketball Clinic will be offered in Wilmington this summer. The clinic dates for the boys will be Monday, June 14-18 at Wilmington High School. The girl's week will be on Monday, June 21-25 at Wilmington Middle School. The ages for boys and girls are 7-15. The staff consist of local coaches, college and high school

players.

Some of the clinic features are: camp shirts, age and ability grouping, drill stations, games, hot shot competition, one on one contests, foul shooting contests, and indoor/outdoor courts.

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Youth soccer offers scholarships

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*The completed application (with additional sheets, if needed) signed by the candidate;

*A copy of your high school transcript which includes grades at mid-year of your Senior year;

*Two letters of recommendation: one from a teacher and one from a non-relative who is a resident of Wilmington.

*An essay (1 to 2 pages) describing the impact that WYSA participation has had on you.

Scholarship applications are

available at your school's guidance department. Completed applications and materials must be received (postmarked) no later than Friday, April 16, 2004 to be eligible. The above referred items should be mailed to:

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These Rules and Regulations are in effect as of March 23, 2004 and copies of the regulations are available at the Department of Public Works and Community Development Offices, at 999 Whipple Road, Tewksbury, Ma. Information is also available on our web site www.tewksbury.info

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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY
COURT

MIDDLESEX Division
Docket No. 04P1288G11

In the Matter of FLORENCE MENARD

Of TEWKSBURY
In the County of MIDDLESEX
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
APPOINTMENT OF
GUARDIAN OF MENTALLY
ILL PERSON

To FLORENCE MENARD of TEWKSBURY in the County of MIDDLESEX, his heirs apparent or presumptive, a petition has been filed in the above captioned matter alleging that said FLORENCE MENARD of TEWKSBURY in the County of MIDDLESEX is a mentally ill person and praying that WENDY NOBLE of TYNGSBOROUGH in the County of MIDDLESEX be appointed guardian, to serve without surety of the person-with the authority to administer antipsychotic medications in accordance with the treatment plan.

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said court at Cambridge on or before ten o'clock in the forenoon (10:00 AM) on JUNE 21, 2004.

WITNESS, HON. BEVERLY WEINGER BOORSTEIN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at Cambridge this day, March 29, 2004.

4.7.04 John R. Buonomo
3883 Register of Probate

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY
COURT DEPARTMENT
MIDDLESEX Division

Docket No. 04P1367EP1
In the Estate of CARROLL M. BERG, SR.

Late of WILMINGTON
In the County of MIDDLESEX
Date of Death January 24, 2004
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that GARY B. BERG of WILMINGTON in the County of MIDDLESEX be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said court at Cambridge on or before ten o'clock in the forenoon (10:00 AM) on MAY 3, 2004.

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. BEVERLY WEINGER BOORSTEIN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at Cambridge this day, March 29, 2004.

4.7.04 John R. Buonomo
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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY
COURT DEPARTMENT
MIDDLESEX Division
Docket No. 04P1593EP1

In the Estate of LEROY F. PATTERSON

Late of TEWKSBURY
In the County of MIDDLESEX
Date of Death July 21, 2003
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that ROY E. PATTERSON of TEWKSBURY in the County of MIDDLESEX be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said court at Cambridge on or before ten o'clock in the forenoon (10:00 AM) on MAY 7, 2004.

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. BEVERLY WEINGER BOORSTEIN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at Cambridge this day, April 2, 2004.

4.7.04 John R. Buonomo
3890 Register of Probate

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE AND DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY

at EZ Mini Storage, 470 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA. 01876 (978) 851-6999. Property will be sold at public auction held on Tuesday, April 20, 2004 at 11:00 a.m. The description of the goods and names of the person(s) whose property is to be sold is as follows:

Vivier, Donald F.: Bed, micro, wicker furn, elec htr, misc bxs
Corwin, Edward S.: Comp equip, luggage, clothes, toys, misc bxs

Gorman, Edward C.: Stereo equip, chest, fan, ft locker, carpet, TV, stool, step ladder, bxs, bags

Pray, Terrance J.: Pool tbl
Donoghue, Gregory J.: Fridge, mower, stereo equip, trunk, sofa, chair, fan, grdn tls, cabs, misc bxs & bags

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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY
COURT

MIDDLESEX Division
Docket No. 04P0244GC1
In the Matter of ANNA NATALIE SAWTELLE

Of TEWKSBURY
In the County of MIDDLESEX
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
APPOINTMENT OF
GUARDIAN OF
INCAPACITATED PERSON

To ANNA NATALIE SAWTELLE of TEWKSBURY in the County of MIDDLESEX, and her heirs apparent or presumptive, a petition has been filed in the above captioned matter alleging that said ANNA NATALIE SAWTELLE of TEWKSBURY in the County of MIDDLESEX, is physically incapacitated and praying that SANDRA SAWTELLE of LOWELL in the County of MIDDLESEX be appointed guardian, to serve without surety, of the person.

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said court at Cambridge on or before ten o'clock in the forenoon (10:00 AM) on MAY 3, 2004.

WITNESS, HON. BEVERLY WEINGER BOORSTEIN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at Cambridge this day, March 29, 2004.

4.7.04 John R. Buonomo
3884 Register of Probate

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY

PLANNING BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING
SITE PLAN SPECIAL PERMIT
USE SPECIAL PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Monday April 26, 2004 at 8:00 PM in the Town Hall Auditorium, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on a application filed by K & M Realty Trust for a Site Plan and Use Special Permit for the construction of a restaurant. Said property is located on Rte. 133, Andover Street, Assessor's Map 67, Lot 2 zoned Heavy Industrial.

The application may be examined in the Department of Community Development Office, 999 Whipple Road, Tewksbury, MA during 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday.

4.7.04,4.14.04 Steven J. Sadwick,
3889 Director

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY
COURT DEPARTMENT
MIDDLESEX Division
Docket No. 04P1287G11

In the Matter of KENNETH BOILEAU

Of TEWKSBURY
In the County of MIDDLESEX
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
APPOINTMENT OF
GUARDIAN OF MENTALLY
ILL PERSON

To KENNETH BOILEAU of TEWKSBURY in the County of MIDDLESEX, and his heirs apparent or presumptive, a petition has been filed in the above captioned matter alleging that said KENNETH BOILEAU of TEWKSBURY in the County of MIDDLESEX is a mentally ill person and praying that LINDA HERMANC of N. CHELMSFORD in the County of MIDDLESEX be appointed guardian, to serve without surety of the person-with the authority to administer antipsychotic medications in accordance with the treatment plan.

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said court at Cambridge on or before ten o'clock in the forenoon (10:00 AM) on APRIL 29, 2004.

WITNESS, HON. BEVERLY WEINGER BOORSTEIN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at Cambridge this day, MARCH 25, 2004.

4.7.04 John R. Buonomo
3882 Register of Probate

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY
COURT DEPARTMENT
MIDDLESEX Division

Docket No. 04D0818DV1
DIVORCE/SEPARATE
SUPPORT SUMMONS
BY PUBLICATION
KATHLEEN A. LOMBARD-PROPOSITO, Plaintiff

v.
IVO S. PROPOSITO, Defendant
To the above named Defendant: A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff, KATHLEEN A. LOMBARD-PROPOSITO, seeking a Divorce.

An Automatic restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. Please refer to Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411 for more information.

You are required to serve upon Thomas E. Brennan, Esq., attorney for plaintiff-whose address is 142 Pleasant Street, Malden, Ma 02148 your answer on or before June 21, 2004. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer in the office of the Register of this Court at CAMBRIDGE.

Witness, BEVERLY WEINGER BOORSTEIN, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at CAMBRIDGE, this 30 day of March, 2004.

4.7.04,4.14.04,4.21.04 John R. Buonomo
3885 Register of Probate Court

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON



PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on April 20, 2004 at 7:45 p.m. at Town Hall, Room 9, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA on Site Plan Review #04-3, entitled, "Site Improvement Plans"; dated February 18, 2004, submitted on March 17, 2004 by Robert G. Peterson, Esq., 314 Main Street, Wilmington, MA 01887. Said property is located at 316 Lowell Street, Wilmington, MA 01887 and shown on Assessor's Map 73 Parcel 52. This site plan review application is for demolition of existing service station and construction of a new building consisting of approximately 3,000 sf for gas station (with no service bays) and convenience store with drive-thru window. A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

3.31.04,4.7.04 Michael Sorrentino,
chair
3866 Wilmington Planning Board

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
THE PROBATE AND FAMILY
COURT DEPARTMENT
MIDDLESEX, SS DIVISION
DOCKET NO. 03P3252PG
NOTICE

IN THE ESTATE OF MARION WOLLER

To all persons interested in the estate of MARION WOLLER of WILMINGTON in the County of Middlesex.

A petition has been presented by LAUREN MUMMOLO guardian of the estate of MARION WOLLER in the above-captioned matter praying to establish an estate plan pursuant to M.G.L. c. 201 sec. 38.

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said court at Middlesex Probate and Family Trail Court, 208 Cambridge Street, Cambridge, MA 02141, on or before ten o'clock in the forenoon (10:00 a.m.) on May 3, 2004.

WITNESS, BEVERLY WEINGER BOORSTEIN, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Cambridge Massachusetts, in the TWENTY-NINTH day of MARCH in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and four.

4.7.04 John R. Buonomo
3876 Register of Probate

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY,

MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC WORKS
SEWERAGE WORKS
IMPROVEMENTS
PHASE 7
CONTRACT NO. 24
INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids for construction of a new Sewerage System, Contract No. 24, will be received by the Town of Tewksbury at the office of the Board of Selectman, Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, Massachusetts, 01876 until 2:00 PM, April 29, 2004 and at that time and place bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The work of this contract shall consist of furnishing and installing approximately 36,300 linear feet of 8-in to 18-in diameter polyvinyl chloride (PVC) and ductile iron (DI) sewer pipe; 1,300 linear feet of 2-in pressure sewer; including manholes, sewer service connections and appurtenances; approximately 6,000 linear feet of 8-in to 20-in DI water main, including fittings, service connections, valves and hydrants; earthwork; dewatering and drainage; paving; restoration; and all miscellaneous work and cleanup as specified.

Contract Documents may be examined and/or obtained at the office of Camp Dresser & McKee Inc., One Cambridge Place, 50 Hampshire Street, Cambridge, MA 02139.

Contract Documents are available for examination at F.W. Dodge Division, McGraw-Hill

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Proposals will be received at the Office of the Town Manager, Town Hall, Wilmington, Massachusetts, until Friday, May 21, 2004 at 3:00 PM for:

Professional Design and Engineering Services for Traffic Signal Installation and Intersection Reconstruction at Glen Road and Middlesex Avenue (Route 62)

RFP's may be obtained at the Office of the Town Manager. The Town reserves the right to reject any or all bids or any parts thereof deemed not to be in the best interest of the Town of Wilmington.

4.7.04 Michael A. Cairra
3887 Town Manager

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY
COURT DEPARTMENT
MIDDLESEX Division
Docket No. 04P1457EP1

In the Estate of VIRGINIA M. HUGHES AKA VIRGINIA MARIE HUGHES

Late of TEWKSBURY
In the County of MIDDLESEX
Date of Death January 1, 2000
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that JOHN J. HUGHES of TEWKSBURY in the County of MIDDLESEX be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said court at CAMBRIDGE on or before ten o'clock in the forenoon (10:00 AM) on MAY 4, 2004.

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. BEVERLY WEINGER BOORSTEIN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court, this day, March 30, 2004.

4.7.04 John R. Buonomo
3886 Register of Probate

Information Systems Co., 24 Hartwell Ave., Lexington, MA.

A deposit of \$60.00 in cash or check payable to the Town of Tewksbury, Massachusetts will be required for each set of the Contract Documents. A refund of the deposit will be made for Documents returned in good condition within 30 days after the Bids are received.

Bidders requesting Contract Documents by mail shall include an additional non-refundable check payable to Camp Dresser & McKee Inc. in the amount of \$25.00 per set to cover costs of handling and mailing.

Each bid shall be submitted in accordance with the Instruction to Bidders and shall be accompanied by a Bid Security in the amount of 5 percent of the Bid.

Bidders may not withdraw their Bids for a period of thirty days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays after the actual date of the opening of the Bids.

The Successful Bidder must furnish a 100 percent Construction Performance Bond and a 100 percent Construction Payment Bond with a surety company acceptable to the Owner.

Complete instructions for filing Bids are included in the instruction to Bidders.

Wage rates for this Project are subject to the minimum wage rates as per M.G.L., Chapter 149, Section 26 to 27H inclusive.

The bidding and award of this Contract will be under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 30, Section 39M.

The Owner reserves the right, in its absolute and sole direction, to waive any informality in or to reject any or all Bids if deemed to be in its best interest.

4.7.04 Mr. David G. Cressman
Town Manager
3878 Tewksbury, Massachusetts

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON

NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING
PLANNING BOARD

In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 40A, Section 11, the Planning Board will hold a public hearing on April 20, 2004 at 8:15 p.m. at Town Hall, Room 9, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA, on Special Permit #04-1 dated March 24, 2004, submitted on March 29, 2004 by John O'Neill c/o Robert G. Peterson, Esq. Said property is located at 20 Grand Street and shown as Assessor's Map 31 Parcel 11. This application is for a special permit for a non-conforming lot under Chapter 139 of the Acts of 1998 for the construction of a single family dwelling. A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department, Room 6, Wilmington Town Hall, and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

3.31.04,4.7.04 Michael Sorrentino,
Chair
3873 Wilmington Planning Board

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE
TRIAL COURT

(SEAL) Case No. 295523

To: George F. Dighton, Jr. individually and as Executor of the Estate of Patricia A. Dighton and Christopher Dighton and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Soldier's and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 as amended:

The Cooperative Bank claiming to be the holder of mortgage covering real property in Wilmington numbered 9 Parker Street given by Patricia A. Dighton to Charlestown Cooperative Bank dated September 12, 1990 and registered with the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry District of the Land Court as Document No. 132898 and noted on Cert. of Title No. 29460 and now held by plaintiff has filed with said court a complaint for authority to foreclose said mortgage by merger in the manner following: by entry and possession and exercise of power of sale.

If you are entitled to the benefits of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 as amended and you object to such foreclosure you or your attorney should file a written appearance and answer in said court at Boston on or before the 10th day of May, 2004 or you may be forever barred from claiming that such foreclosure is invalid under said act.

Witness, Karyn F. Scheier, Chief Justice of said Court this 26th day of March, 2004.

4.7.04,4.14.04,4.21.04
ANN-MARIE J. BREUER
3880 DEPUTY RECORDER

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY
COURT DEPARTMENT
MIDDLESEX Division

Docket No. 04P1532EP1
In the Estate of DAVID W. FOLAN JR.

Late of WILMINGTON
In the County of MIDDLESEX
Date of Death February 6, 2004
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that James J. Mawn of Woburn in the County of MIDDLESEX be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said court at Cambridge on or before ten o'clock in the forenoon (10:00 AM) on May 5, 2004.

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. BEVERLY WEINGER BOORSTEIN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CAMBRIDGE this day, March 31, 2004.

4.7.04 John R. Buonomo
3879 Register of Probate

Rams look to stick in some wins

By MIKE IPPOLITO
Sports Correspondent

The Shawsheen Tech lacrosse team played their first season at the varsity level last season and by all accounts the season was a great success for a program in its first year. The Rams posted a 9-5 record and earned a spot in the state tournament. Despite losing in the first round to a seasoned Marblehead squad, that could not dampen what were some great memories for their inaugural season.

"We were very pleased with our season," coach Al Costabile said. "We had hoped to maybe go .500 and maybe get into the tournament, but we never pictured going 9-5."

That being said, the Rams opened their second varsity season this week, and while Costabile and his players are not getting carried away with expectations, they are also hungry to improve on last season's surprising success.

"Without a doubt we are looking into take the next step," Costabile said. "We want to step it up and take it to another level and improve on last year. Right now the kids are just dying to start playing games. We are sick of practice and are ready to get started."

The Rams enter this season in a much different position than last year. They lost only one senior from last year's squad and although that was a very key player in goalie and captain Craig Femia, the Rams obviously head into this season with a much more experienced group. They return several starters off of last year's team, and much of the roster now has the benefit of a full year of varsity play under their belts.

Two of the players that will be counted on most heavily to bring their skill and experience to this year's team will be co-captains Joe Esposito of Wilmington along with senior Justin Marzeotti. Both are senior defensemen. Esposito also served as a captain for Costabile during the football season in the fall, and he brings many of the same leadership qualities he displayed in that sport to the lacrosse field.

"Joe is a great leader," Costabile said. "He is a tireless worker in both practice and in the games and he sets a great example for the younger kids with his work ethic."

Another player that will be relied on heavily is last year's top scorer Kyle Marzeotti, a junior attacker. Marzeotti had 47 total points last season on 34 goals and 13 assists as a sophomore last season, and Costabile is looking for more of the same this season.

"I think he'll be an even better player this season," Costabile said. "He has a great understanding of the game and he should be even better with a year

of experience at the varsity level. He already has a lot of experience from playing in youth leagues."

The brother tandem of Brian and Dan Warden were the next two top scorers for the Rams. Brian, a senior had 18 goals and 17 assists, while Dan, a junior had 11 goals and 21 assists. Ron Raymond, who scored 20 goals and added eight assists is a player whom Costabile says shows great promise.

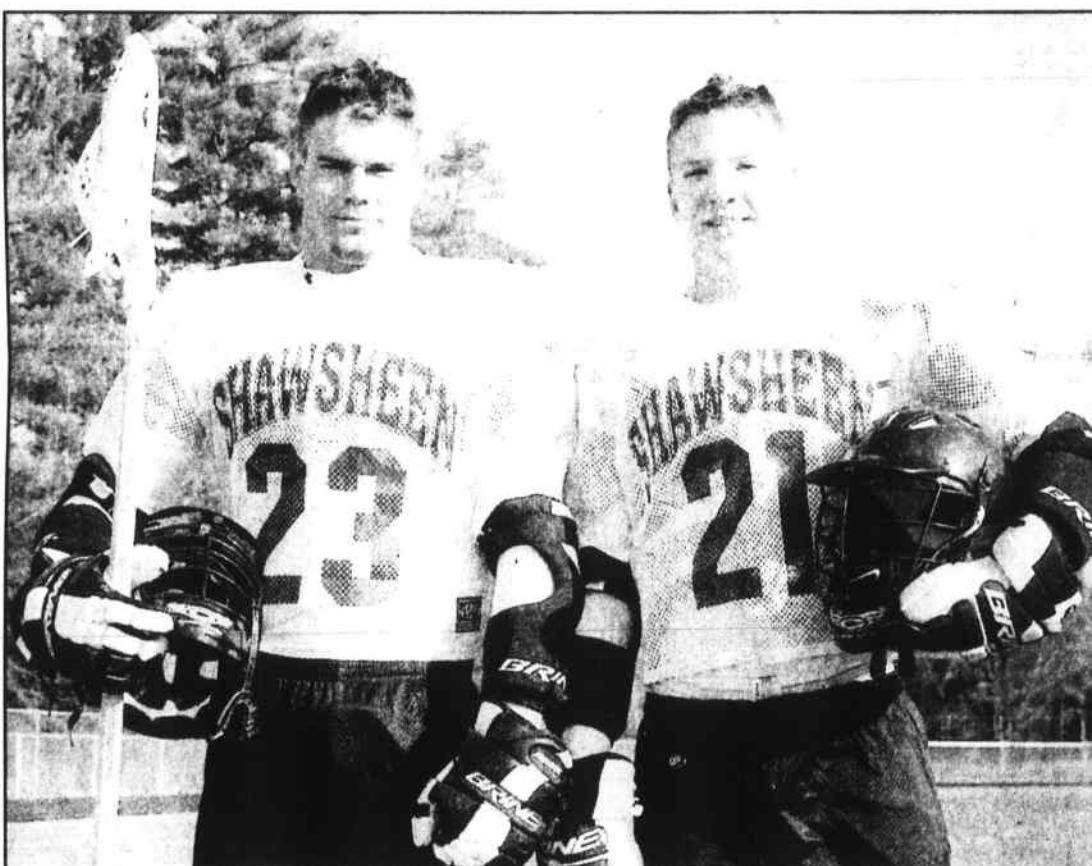
"Ron is probably our second best player behind Kyle," Costabile said. "He can play goalie if he needs to as well as attack. He's got a great knowledge of the game."

Junior Hank Chase of Tewksbury will take Femia's place in goal and Costabile feels the goalie position is in good hands.

"He was a defenseman last year so he is still learning, but he is getting better with every practice," Costabile said. "He's got some big shoes to fill, but I am confident he can do it."

Other members of the team from Tewksbury and Wilmington include senior Mike Foley, junior Peter Capriro, junior Ron Gordon, junior Steve Shea, sophomores Rich Fantasia and Tom Warford and freshman Dave Lloyd. With talented teams like Tyngsboro, Blackstone Valley and Tri-County on the schedule, the road will not be easy for the Rams, but Costabile is confident in his team.

"We would like to continue to get better in every game and every practice right through to and including the tournament," Costabile said. "And I think this team can do that based on what I have seen so far."



Wilmington residents Joe Esposito and Tom Warford look to lead the Shawsheen Rams lacrosse charge this season.
(photo by Jessica Stygles).

Squirt A's face Masco in a battle

The Wilmington Squirt A Wildcats faced-off against Valley League opponent Masco on Saturday April 3rd at the Valley Forum in Lawrence.

Wilmington got on the board first when Danny Creedon lit the lamp giving the Cat's the early 1-0 lead. Danny's goal was assisted by his line mates John Hughson and Jimmy O'Neill. Wilmington goalie Tyler Stillings made a sensational save but Masco scored off the rebound tying the score at 1-1 after one.

In the second period Brian Hurley scored the first of his (2) goals tying the game at 2-2. Since being moved from defense to forward earlier in the year Brian has really developed into a real goal scorer. Picking up assist on Brian's goal were line mates David Sugrue and Adam Martiniello.

The Wilmington defense of Jimmy Mullen, Meaghan Souza, Ian Haggerty, Brian Callahan, Adam Siegel and Cam Collins shut down the high powered Reading offense. Wilmington goalie Tyler Stillings had very little work thanks to the Wilmington defense.

Then the Wilmington offense really started to click and the Cat's exploded for three goals with David Sugrue, Adam Martiniello, and Justin Ferreira all finding the back of the net. The score was tied 5-5 after two periods.

The "Comeback Kids" picked-up in the third period where they left off in the second. Wilmington's Brian Hurley scored a beautiful goal when he launched a laser guided missile into the top corner giving the Cat's a 6-5 lead. The Cat's Jimmy O'Neill then scored an insurance goal by going to the net and depositing a rebound and helping to ensure Wilmington's 7-5 victory.

Registering assists during the game were Justin Ferreira with (3), Brian Hurley, David Sugrue, Dominic Dirupo, Kevin Moriarty, Danny Creedon and John Hughson each picking up (1) assist.

On Sunday April 4th the Cat's squared off against Reading who is in first place in Dual State.

The Cat's scored first when Kevin Moriarty located a wicked wrist

shot into the Reading net giving the Wildcat's a 1-0 lead. Reading stormed back and scored three unanswered goals but Wilmington's Ian Haggerty scored his first goal of the season on a terrific blast from the point narrowing the Reading lead to 3-2 after one period. Ian normally helps to prevent goals but on this day he scored a huge goal that seemed to ignite the Cat's.

Early in the second period Wilmington goalie Joey Aucoin made several big saves keeping the game close. Then the flow of the game seemed to change and the Wilmington defense of Meaghan Souza, Jimmy Mullen, Ian Haggerty, Brian Callahan, Adam Siegel and Cam Collins shut down the high powered Reading offense. Wilmington goalie Tyler Stillings had very little work thanks to the Wilmington defense.

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Where's the Action

Day	Date	Sport	Opponent	Time
Wilmington Sports				
Thursday	April 8	Wilm V Boys Tennis	at North Reading	3:30 PM
Thursday	April 8	Wilm V Girls Tennis	vs North Reading	3:30 PM
Saturday	April 10	Wilm V/JV Baseball	at Triton	10:00 AM
Monday	April 12	Wilm B/G Track	at Lynnfield/HWenham	3:30 PM
Monday	April 12	Wilm V/JV Softball	at Amesbury	3:45 PM
Wednesday	April 14	Wilm V Boys Tennis	at Rockport	3:30 PM
Wednesday	April 14	Wilm V Girls Tennis	vs Rockport	3:30 PM
Wednesday	April 14	Wilm Fr Softball	at Reading	3:30 PM
Wednesday	April 14	Wilm V/JV Baseball	at Pentucket	3:45 PM
Wednesday	April 14	Wilm Fr Baseball	at Reading	3:45 PM
Wednesday	April 14	Wilm V/JV Softball	vs Tewksbury	3:45 PM

Shawsheen Tech Sports				
Thursday	April 8	Shaw V Lacrosse	vs Blackstone Valley	3:30 PM
Thursday	April 8	Shaw V Softball	at Minuteman	3:30 PM
Saturday	April 10	Shaw V Softball	vs Beverly	2:00 PM
Monday	April 12	Shaw Track	at Monty Tech	3:30 PM
Tuesday	April 13	Shaw V Softball	vs Chelsea	3:30 PM
Tuesday	April 13	Shaw V Baseball	at Whittier Tech	3:45 PM
Tuesday	April 13	Shaw Co-Ed Tennis	vs Minuteman	3:30 PM
Tuesday	April 13	Shaw V Lacrosse	vs Minuteman	3:30 PM
Wednesday	April 14	Shaw Track	at Whittier	3:30 PM

Mite A's open their eyes to a victory

The Mite A's hosted the early bird eye opener 6AM game versus Wakefield to close out the Valley league regular season. The Cats came to play from the opening face-off and dominated at both ends of the ice.

The Cats were really passing the puck well and spreading out the ice creating many scoring

opportunities. In the first period Zach Malatesta scored on a wristshot with assists to Jay Rossetti and Brendan McDonough to put the Cats up 1-0. Wakefield managed to score a short-handed goal to even the score at 1-1. Brendan McDonough then scored on a nice breakaway move deking the goalie to make it

2-1 Cats.

With a one goal lead at the start of the second period the Cats knew the next goal would be a big one to keep momentum. Brendan McDonough scored on the opening faceoff unassisted to make it 3-1 Cats. Now the Cats were up by two goals and wanted more to cushion the lead. Brian Pickett banged home a rebound with assists to Mike Diorio and Danny Luise. The Cats would score one more time in the 2nd period as Jay Rossetti drilled home a beauty with assists to Zach Blanch and Brendan McDonough to make it 5-2 after two periods.

Defensively the Cats were playing fundamentally sound hockey clearing lose pucks and pinching in offensively to keep the pressure on Wakefield. Danny Luise, Kevin Muese, Mike Diorio and Zach Blanch were stellar back on D as they have been all year long. Offensively Dylan Dinatale, Brian Pickett and Matt Diorio were hustling all over the ice causing chaos for the Wakefield defense. Tommy Townsend was just mowing down the Wakefield defense with his relentless forechecking. Drew Foley came up big in net making some key saves when Wakefield applied some pressure.

Up 5-2 the Cats were looking to

make a statement and put the game out of reach as they have lost a few games this year giving up leads in the 3rd period. Today this was not to be the case. Jimmy Davey scored on a one timer assisted by Brendan McDonough to make it 6-2. The Cats closed out the game with four minutes remaining as Brendan McDonough scored on a wrist shot completing the hat trick with assists going to Zach Blanch and Kevin Muese to beat Wakefield 7-2.

From a passing standpoint the boys moved the puck extremely well and this was a big reason they won today. The Cats will play this Saturday in the Valley league play-offs and try to put it all together and make a run at the Valley league championship. The Cats are looking forward to the return of Brian Healy who has missed several practices and games due to illness. Special thanks to our sponsor Wilmington Arena Authority.

"On a side note the Cats are still looking for the prankster who during last weeks April 1st practice filled several Mite A players and coachessneakers with whip cream. If you have any clues please contact Coach Jim Rossetti who is heading up this investigation.

No doubt this is the year

By LOUIE CIMAGLIA

Welcome to the church. A place where dreams come true, memories are made and legends are born. Every spring, this cathedral of dreams opens its doors for the great American spectacle... baseball.

Baseball is unexplainable. The mystique is mind-boggling. Every ballpark in America has a heritage. Every dugout has been trodden upon by legends. Every bleacher has seen a miracle. Something about our pastime has touched every generation of every family. Now, baseball is waking up in 2004. Another chapter will be added to the novel of the great American game. What will happen? Only time will tell.

As Red Sox fans, there is no thought more comforting than "next year". Names like Dent and Buckner will live in infamy throughout Red Sox nation for years to come. Next to the Cubs, the Red Sox are the most lovable losers in the league, right? Don't tell that to a Boston fan though.

Baseball is something more in Boston than in Chicago or Philly or even New York. Baseball is an intricate piece of society in the Boston area. Just as common as Haymarket and the Charles, Fenway Park is rooted into the history of Boston. Currently, there are two Boston teams in the playoffs, and one team that just won the biggest sports spectacle on Earth. And that leaves the Sox. That is the big one. They are the ones with the target on their back. They are the ones that count. It's been 85 World Series' past. And, for Boston faithful, that is way too long.

How many times have you heard it, "this is the year"? Yeah, 85 times from hundreds of people. I'm going to join that annoying saying by repeating it that this is the year. All components are there for a championship. The

only thing that could possibly derail the Red Sox is some freakish supernatural force. And injuries too.

The Sox have a potentially dominant starting rotation. The pitching continues with a bullpen that can shut down opponents like Donald Trump. Offense certainly is at a premium. Top to bottom, this lineup can be almost, if not better than, last years. Plus, there is depth at all positions. The biggest change is in the defense. Pokey Reese will make every pitcher better. The Sox finally have a closer. And the Sox front office isn't afraid to spend the big bucks. The only thing that can possibly beat the Sox are themselves. Every single piece is there, physically, mentally, and psychologically.

Have you ever stopped and thought, what would it be like if the Red Sox won the World Championship? It would be nothing short of the apocalypse. Boston would be torn down. Just think, so many people who have lived and died with this team could finally see them win the ultimate goal. Absolute pandemonium would be present every which way. No shortage of mayhem anywhere to be found. It would be one wild party if the team that always came up short came up roses.

What would we do if the Sox won? Nobody knows what to do. It would be total euphoria. But it wouldn't sink in completely. As Boston fans, we're used to waiting for next year or some catastrophe. It's like winning the lottery, where do you start? Maybe, it's not worth it. Maybe, watching them lose and prepare for next year is what makes the game so fun. Yeah, right.

Louie Cimaglia is a 13-year-old boy from Wilmington who writes a weekly column.

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Big expectations once again for Lady Rams

By: MIKE IPPOLITO
Sports Correspondent

The Shawsheen Tech softball team enters this season with very high expectations. After winning the Division 3 North Sectional Title last season, the Rams were one win away from going to the state championship game as they were defeated by West Bridgewater, 3-0, in the state semi-finals in Brockton. The high expectations for this year's team are well deserved, and coach Maureen Buckley and her team are looking forward to living up to them.

"There are very large expectations from both ourselves and from the outside," Buckley said. "We lost some key people, but we have our core group back. We are very proud of what we accomplished last season, but we feel like we didn't finish. % There is good reason for all of

the optimism. As Buckley said, the Lady Rams do return a very good core group from last year's team, including seven returning starters.

Leading the way for the Lady Rams once again will be pitcher Jenn Elwell, a Tewksbury native. Elwell continued her spectacular career at Shawsheen last season, going 15-3 with a 0.35 ERA. She also struck out 237 batters in 113 innings, while walking only 13 batters the entire season. Those numbers earned Elwell Commonwealth Athletic Conference MVP honors.

The season before Elwell was named the Boston Globe's Division 3 Player of the Year when she finished 21-3 with 343 strikeouts, 16 walks, while tossing 16 shutouts. In the past two seasons, she is 36-6 with 580 strikeouts and just 29 walks.

Buckley knows that while there is a lot of talent on this team, the Lady Rams success may ultimately hinge on how Elwell performs. She also knows that the senior captain is prepared for the challenge.

"She's just Jenn. She's consistent and she's ready to go," Buckley said. "She is working very hard to get ready for the season, and nobody has higher expectations for her than she does for herself."

Of course, as dominant as Elwell is she cannot win by herself, and she definitely has a very strong supporting cast around her. The returning starters include three more Tewksbury natives. Senior catcher Sarah Zimmer, junior first baseman Cailyn McLaughlin and junior second baseman Kristine Elwell will all return to the Lady Rams

lineup.

Zimmer, who played third base last season, was a CAC all-star while batting .304 with 16 RBI and 12 stolen bases. She moves behind the plate this season while senior Katie Russo takes her place at third base. Russo played second last season in place of Kristine Elwell who missed almost all of the season due to a rotator cuff injury.

"Sarah has done a nice job adjusting behind the plate and Katie has done very well at third," Buckley said. "With Kristine back at second we should be in good shape in the infield."

Other returning starters will be senior shortstop Denise Lazzara as well as senior outfielder Ashley Robar of Wilmington. Lazzara was another CAC all-star for the Lady Rams last season, batting

.333 with 12RBIs and an on base percentage of .526.

Rounding out the Lady Rams roster will be sophomores Sam Aiello and Melissa Gouvier, juniors Amy Chinappi and Lauren DiDonato and freshman Brianna Nicolo.

"I am very happy with all of the returnees as well as the newcomers," Buckley said. "We had to move some people around position wise, but it's a good group and everybody is adjusting well."

With Elwell on the hill it is likely the Lady Rams will not need a lot of runs to win, but if the need arises Buckley feels she has a team that put up some offensive numbers.

"It appears that this year we have a couple more kids who can hit the ball hard, but we will also continue to play the short game with bunting and slapping," Buckley said. "I

firmly believe that you can't win with a whole bunch of hits in a row. You need to make things happen, whether it's with a big hit or taking advantage of an opponent's miscue."

While Shawsheen is clearly the team to beat in the CAC, and probably in all of Division 3 North, Buckley warns that it will not be a cakewalk through the season for her team.

"Tyngsboro will be strong again and Greater Lowell and Whittier are always tough," Buckley said.

Still, the goals for the Lady Rams extend beyond just the CAC. As Buckley said, there is unfinished business after last season.

"It's a long season, but we would very much like to be in that position again and this time finish the job," Buckley said.



Sour taste leaves Rams baseball team hungry for more

By MIKE IPPOLITO
Sports Correspondent

Last year the Shawsheen Tech baseball team put together a regular season for the ages, winning their first 14 games and finishing 18-2 overall, winning the Commonwealth Athletic Conference Large Division and earning the top seed in the Division 3 North tournament bracket.

Unfortunately for the Rams that is where the fun stopped, as they were eliminated in the first round of the tournament by 16th seeded Lynnfield. Lynnfield, despite being seeded so low entered the tournament on a roll, and eventually advanced all the way to the Sectional final.

"It was tough to have such a nice regular season and then lose like that," said Shawsheen coach Kevin Bloom. "The one consolation for us was how well Lynnfield did in the tournament. We just ran into a hot team."

The challenge for Bloom and his assistant coaches TJ Baril and Jim Sullivan is to prepare this year's team for another tournament run after losing nine seniors, including seven positional players. Just how Bloom and his staff meet that challenge will be a key to the team's success or failure. But Bloom feels that he has a group of players who will respond well to their new opportunity.

"You can meet that challenge through hard work and dedication and so far we have seen that from these players," Bloom said. "The group that graduated won two league titles and had a lot of success. These kids are looking to build on that."

The cupboard is not completely bare for the Rams, however, as they do return several players who some playing time last season. They also return almost their entire pitching staff, which should help make

up for any lack of offense.

One place where the Rams certainly won't be lacking any offense is with shortstop Matt Hogg of Wilmington, the Rams only returning starter. Hogg, a junior, was a CAC all-star last season when he led the team with four home runs and 30 runs scored and also contributed 19 RBI while batting over .400. Hogg played second base last season, but has moved over to his more natural shortstop position this year with the graduation of Chris Frost.

"He had a tremendous year for us last year at second and we are looking or more of the same this year," Bloom said. "He hit .400 last year, but equally as important he was automatic at second base defensively."

Taking Hogg's spot at second base will be junior John Higgins. Bloom feels the middle infield is in very good hands.

"We were looking for someone to step up at second and John has done the job," Bloom said. "He works well with Matt and they make a nice tandem. And the best news is we have them for the next two years."

Other starters for the Rams will be Wilmington native Kyle Browne, a junior, at catcher, junior Matt Sholl of Tewksbury at first base, senior Scott Johnson of Tewksbury at third base, senior Steve Stocki of Tewksbury in left field, senior Howie Deardorff in right field and junior Dan Reed of Wilmington in centerfield.

Browne and Reed will have big shoes to fill, as Browne is replacing CAC MVP Jeff Paquette behind the plate, while Reed is replacing CAC all-star Kevin McCauley in center.

"Browne has done a real nice job for us so far and he looks like he will be very solid behind the plate for us," Bloom said. "And Reed has shown us a lot

of speed and a strong throwing arm."

It is on the mound where the Rams seem to be strongest. Stocki leads the way for the Rams. The lefthander is coming off a season where he went 4-0 with 50 strikeouts in 36 2/3 innings.

"Steve has done a tremendous job for us the past two years," Bloom said. "He converted from a reliever to a starter last season and won a lot of big games for us. He is a hard thrower, but he also mixes his pitches very well. He's got three pitches he can use, and he puts them all over the plate."

Senior Shawn Turner who went 5-0 with a save last season will also return to the rotation as will Johnson. Sholl and Deardorff will round out the rotation, giving the Rams five quality pitchers. Trying to duplicate the 14-0 start of last season might be a little too much to ask of this group of Rams, especially given the quality of teams in the CAC Large, along with the new schedule which will see the Rams facing teams three times each instead of the traditional two. They will face their CAC Small rivals only once each.

"It's a highly competitive league. Tyngsboro, Greater Lawrence, Greater Lowell and Whittier are always strong," Bloom said. "With three games scheduled against each of them it should be quite a race."

While last year will be tough to match as far as the regular season is concerned, don't tell that to this group of players. They are ready to make their own mark this season.

"These kids are looking to step up this year. They are not looking at this as a transition year," Bloom said. "They have worked hard to put themselves in this position and they will continue to work to improve."



The Shawsheen Tech baseball team will look for another banner season behind locals (back row from left to right) Scott Johnson, Rob Borden, Steven Stocki, John Scholl and Kenny Aaelrud. Front row from left to right include: Kyle Brown, Matt Hogg and Dan Reed.

(photo by Maureen Lamoureux)

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4.7.04 Michael A. Cairra
3888 Town Manager

The Shawsheen Tech softball returns after coming one win away from the Division 3 state championship. The team will be led by locals, (front row from left), Sarah Zimmer, Brianna Dicolo and Denise Lazzara. Back row from left, Cailyn McLaughlin, Jenn Elwell and Lauren DiDonato. Missing from the picture is Ashley Robar. (photo by Maureen Lamoureux).

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A public hearing will be held at the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, on April 26 at 6:00 p.m. in the Small Conference Room on the following applications:

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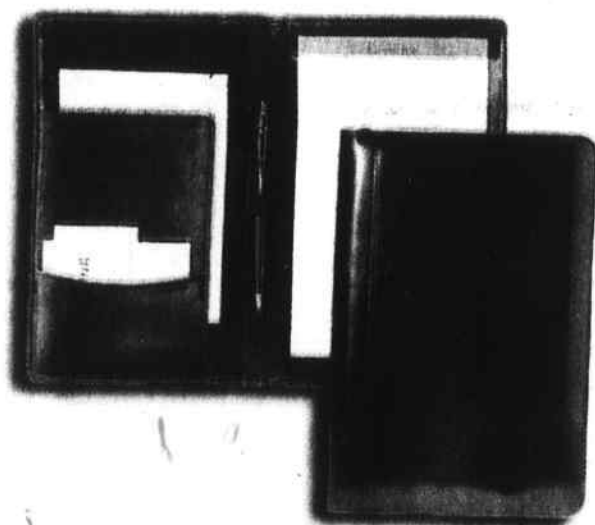
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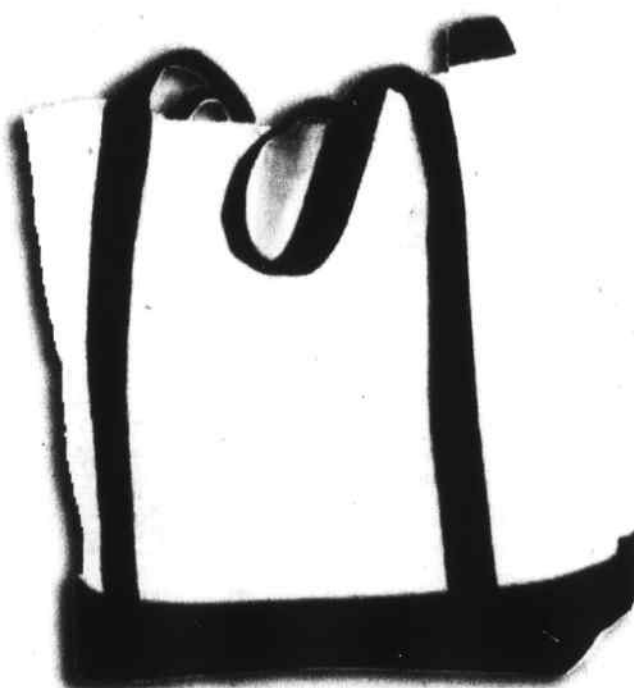
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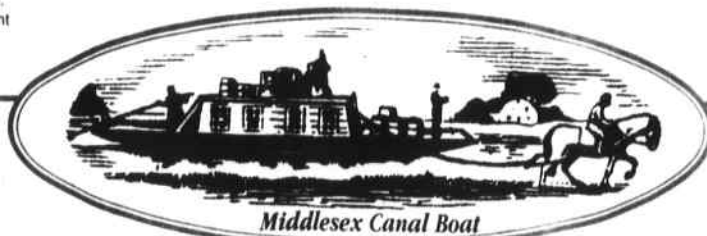
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Reading's Juliana Cannarozzo ...next stop Hollywood

By BRIAN MURPHY

At 14 years old, Juliana Cannarozzo is already a big hit in the world of figure skating. Next up, Hollywood's silver screen.

Cannarozzo, a Reading resident, recently won a small role in the upcoming Disney comedy "Ice Princess." Described as "Flashdance" meets "Bring it on," the film stars Michelle Trachtenberg of "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" and "Eurotrip" fame. Rehearsals and shooting are right around the corner with the release date slated for Christmas 2005.

Cannarozzo auditioned for the part in Boston back in January, but was just one of a sea of hopeful young girls who submitted a skating tape and came in for a brief reading. Hearing nothing for days Cannarozzo buried her initial excitement and re-immersed herself in her rigorous six-days-a-week, three-hours-a-day skating training.

Then came the call three weeks ago, asking if she'd be interested in a second audition out in L.A. A week later, she had the part.

"I was screaming, hopping around. I called like everyone," Cannarozzo said. "I wasn't really expecting it. They waited so long to call us back."

Cannarozzo will play the part of Zoe, one of three "snoozy" ice queens who eventually help Trachtenberg realize her dream of becoming a champion figure skater.

"My part is sort of like the gothic, the rebel of the bunch. I'm kinda cocky. We all put her (Trachtenberg) down," said Cannarozzo, who is (fortunately) nothing like Zoe in real life. "I just kind of have to imagine how she'd be, and what she'd be like."

Truth be told, the story described in "Ice Princess" isn't so far

READING'S 14 YEAR OLD JULIANA CANNAROZZO will appear in the upcoming Disney comedy "Ice Princess." In the skating world, Cannarozzo has already achieved some very lofty goals. She's placed first, third and second at the N.E. Regional Championships and is a two-time silver medalist at the 2002 and 2003 Junior Nationals.

removed from Cannarozzo's own deepest wishes. Like Trachtenberg's fictional character Cannarozzo has big dreams of being a champion, and she isn't about to let anyone stand in her way.

While landing a part in a Disney movie is more than Cannarozzo could have hoped for, skating, not acting, is her first love. Her deepest desire is to make the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver.

"That would be really awesome," she said.

Cannarozzo has a lot of people pulling for her to succeed, but none more than parents Tom and Joanne. The two offer encouragement and support without forcing their daughter to compete against her wishes.

"We're very proud. I'm proud this is something she does on her own. She sets her goals and meets them," said Joanne Cannarozzo.

"Over and above what she gets from success in skating, it sets her up in life," added Juliana's father, Tom. "It teaches her how to set a goal,

train for a goal and put in the work to get it. For her to stand out in front of 500-600 people and perform like she does is unbelievable."

Despite her young age Cannarozzo has already achieved some very lofty goals. She's placed first, third and second in her age class (respectively) at the New England Regional Championships over the last three years, and is a two-time silver medalist at the 2002 and 2003 Junior National Championships.

Cannarozzo's top honor came at the North American Challenge Skate in Mentor, Ohio last year, when she earned one of three gold medals for team USA in the Novice Ladies division.

In November, Cannarozzo placed third at the Eastern Sectional Championships in historic Lake Placid, NY. That qualified her to compete at the elite 2004 U.S. State Farm National Championships in

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My mother was born in Ireland and my father Giovanni was born in Sardinia, Italy and folks, there's nothing fishy about that...

I wrote this column for five years under the name **BEACH-COMBER**. I am at **REVERE BEACH** almost every morning summer or winter and usually end up at Kelly's for coffee.

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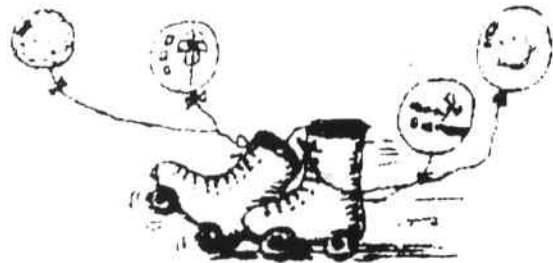
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Chamber of Commerce Appreciation Luncheon

WOBURN - The Fifth Annual North Suburban Chamber of Commerce's Employee Appreciation Luncheon will be held on Friday, April 30 at the Radisson Hotel in Woburn.

The keynote speaker will be Executive Director Joseph C. Sullivan of the Massachusetts Lottery. As the executive director of the Lottery, Sullivan is charged with the operations of more than 400 employees, five regional offices, and the allocation of \$4 billion of annual revenue.

Six weeks into his tenure, Sullivan implemented a modification of the Lot-

tery game Keno that resulted in a 15 percent increase in sales. He intends to enact similar changes to other Lottery games in order to maximize net revenue, which goes directly to Massachusetts 351 cities and towns for educational funding, public safety, and infrastructure programs.

"Good employees are hard to come by," note Chamber officials. "You should feel lucky to have these good employees. This luncheon is the perfect way to say thank you to the ones who are the most important part of your business. Show your appreciation by pur-

School Notes

Reese's pieces: baskets, balloons, and blossoms in Woburn

"The success of the event was evident from the smiles throughout the evening," says Linscott-Rumford Principal Gary Reese of the spring Silent Auction/Pizza/Bingo family evening that raised more than \$3,000 for the school - thanks to the generous support of several Woburn businesses and the enthusiasm of the entire school community.

"A large reason for the success was the number of parents who volunteered their time and talents to plan and implement the event," he continues.

The money will support school activities, class field trips funded completely by the PTO, classroom materials (hands-on for science and special projects), and electronic assets (televisions, VCRs, and computer software).

Reese, PTO Co-Presidents Peter and Kirsten Lochrie, Fundraising Committee Chairperson Peter Dezak, Silent Auction Chairperson Misti Knowles, and the entire Linscott-Rumford PTO thank the following businesses, organizations, and concerned citizens for buying into the program: Amazing Pace, Crowne Plaza, Dunkin Donuts/Baskin Robbins, Far East, Fresh City, TGI Friday's, Hair Gabriana, Michele Rae Photography, Nail Gallery, Panera Bread, Party Works, Roast Beef Roundup, Woburn Boys' & Girls' Club, and the fabulous Woburn firefighters whose 'ride to school in a fire truck' was the evening's big-ticket item.

Thanks go also to the parents, teachers, and students who gathered all their resources to contribute to baskets overflowing with items illustrating themes relating to bath, beach, golf, and tool time; camping, crafting, cooking, gardening, and relaxing; sports, Disney, a boys' grab bag, and the inevitable 'Barbie Bonanza.'

Best of all: the parents behaved!

"The students did a great job following the school rules and demonstrating the positive characteristics that make our students so special," says Reese. "I was very proud of

everyone - students and parents."

Top of the Cub: Reading

"Andrew Engelbrecht of Troop 705 is the town's newest Eagle Scout," notes the Reading edition of the "Daily Times Chronicle."

"Andrew became a Cub Scout in the fall of 1993, joining Pack 733 at the Barrows School. As a Cub Scout he earned the God and Country award and was recognized with the National BSA Heroism award for saving the life of his cousin. Andrew earned the Arrow of Light award in the spring of 1997.

"Andrew crossed over with his den into Troop 705 that same spring and attended summer camp at T.L. Storer in New Hampshire. Drew completed the Trail Blazer program and earned two merit badges. That same fall he had completed and was awarded both Tenderfoot and Second Class ranks in October, 1997.

"During the fall and winter Drew worked on his advancement during troop meetings and campouts. He earned two more merit badges and the rank of First Class in February, 1998. The summer of 1998 Drew attended three weeks of summer camp earning eight merit badges. That fall he earned an additional merit badge.

"The next spring, March 1999, Drew earned the rank of Star Scout. That summer

Drew worked at T.L. Storer as a counselor in training. Each week he worked in a different area of camp and earned seven merit badges, a COPE certificate and did the Mile Swim. Drew attended Junior Leader Training Camp and was elected into the Order of the Arrow that same year....

"Andrew began his Eagle project with Mr. Alan Ulrich and the Reading Antiquarian Society. Drew's project was to preserve the information written on the gravestones of the old section of Laurel Hill cemetery....

"During his time in scouts, Drew spent more than 200 nights camping and has performed more than 250 hours of community service."

Notes to S-4

About the Towns

by Phyllis Nissen

MOLLY, MAX, MAGGIE, VENUS, AND ZEUS

Top dog in Lynnfield

"Lynnfield is going to the dogs," notes the "Lynnfield Villager."

"According to the 2003 licenses report, 583 dogs were registered with the town hall last year - not too bad for a town with a population of 11,794.

"One thing is for certain, however, all those dog lovers in town aren't lacking in creativity when it comes to choosing a name for their pooch.

"The top name for the town's canines last year was Molly, with 17 owners picking the title. Max follows closely behind with 11 dogs answering to that name. Topping out the top three was Maggie, with nine.

"While some owners are still sticking to more 'traditional' names for their pets, the majority of dog lovers have foregone the former favorites and are now referring to their pets by 'people names.'

"Eight owners decided to name their four-legged friend, Buddy, one chose Scout for their gordon setter, another dubbed their sheltie terrier Scooter and one local terrier mix out there answers to the call of Spot.

"However, the rest of the canine population in Lynnfield can claim more interesting personas as owners now rely on commonplace names for their canine friends, such as Heidi, Mary, Joey, Oliver, Murray, Maddie, Nikki, Jacob, Franky, Ashley, Anthony, Lizzy, Bobby, Amy, Suzanne, Cassie, Howey, Jake, Mia, Gina and Lisa. With names like that, how could these dogs not help but become a member of the family? Maybe it's true what they say and dogs are people too.

"Other owners seem to rely on their sweet tooth to help them choose a name for their pooch. Among the dogs in Lynnfield, there is a Cookie, Kiwi, Cinnamon, Muffin, Peaches, Munchkin, Snickers, Oreo, Cheerio and Candy - as well as a Pepper, Basil and Ginger. One owner with a sense of humor even dubbed his dachshund Oscar Mayer.

"A majority of Lynnfield's dog lovers view their pets as extra-special and want their names to reflect that, having chosen a much more formal name or 'title.' Four dogs in town are named Princess, there is a Duchess, a Lady Belle, a Sir Malcolm, and even a Venus and a Zeus.

"When it comes to the type of dog they want, some Lynnfield residents prefer a bigger, more rambunctious pet with 73 owners opting for a Labrador or a Lab Retriever, 48 others deciding on a Golden Retriever and 28 more seeking a German Shepherd as their four-legged friend. Others still believe smaller is better with 80 owners choosing a terrier and 29 others opting for a type of spaniel. Sixteen residents own poodles...."

Miller time in North Reading

"Things will be a little different for more than 300 residents in North Reading," notes the "North Reading Transcript."

"While their families, jobs and activities will all still be the same, a staple of their everyday routine will be missing - and they may not even be aware of it.

"North Reading letter carrier Andy Miller is retiring after faithfully distributing the mail to the community through 34 years of sun, rain, wind, sleet and snow.

"Miller left his position at an insurance company to join the Postal Service in November, 1969 after realizing how much he disliked staying in an office all day.

"I love working outside," he explained. With an 11-street route (334 stops) spanning 15 miles, that's a good thing indeed.

"Six months after he became a postal employee, a route opened and Miller decided to make a bid on it. He was selected for the then-9 street trek and has been its carrier ever since.

"When he first was hired in North Reading, the town consisted of only five city routes; today there are eight city routes and four rural routes.

"While the town has grown as more families continue to settle into the ever-expanding neighborhoods, Miller has been fortunate to still serve many of the same families as when he first began walking the route.

"I got to see the young children grow up and then [I saw] their children come along," he remarked. "The people on my route are fantastic. I have a good rapport with [them]...."

Planning: ahead, in Woburn

"Claudia Leis Bolgen will serve another term chairing Planning Board meetings as she was unanimously elected

to the position at the recent meeting," notes the Woburn edition of the "Daily Times Chronicle."

"The vote was 5-0 with member Nancy Ogasaplan not present and member Edward Pasquarello retiring from the board.

"Earning another term as vice-chair is member Michael Maher; again on a 5-0 vote."

"About the Towns" covers recent events in the 10 town Middlesex East area. Because Middlesex East deadlines are early, please, check the front sections of this paper for up-to-date information about your city, or town. We also welcome original material; please, send it to Phyllis Nissen, "About the Towns," Middlesex East Supplement, Box 240, Reading, MA 01867 or to notestowns@comcast.net.

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Figure Skater

From S-1

Atlanta, Georgia this past January.

It was at the Nationals where Cannarozzo met her first bump in the road. A stumble and fall led to a tenth place finish in the field of 12.

"I didn't skate very well. It wasn't my best performance," she said. "I wasn't concentrating as much. I wasn't as focused as usual and I got a little overexcited."

Still, Cannarozzo wouldn't trade the experience for anything. Skating at the Nationals in the senior division were some true greats of the sport, including Michelle Kwan, Sasha Cohen, Jennifer Kirk, Tim Geobel, Johnny Weir and Michael Weiss. Cannarozzo was literally shoulder-to-shoulder with some of skating's best-known personalities and brightest talents, and it formed a lasting impression.

"I thought it was a really great experience to know I was skating in the same competition as them," she said. "I really like Sasha Cohen's technique, her artistry."

Cannarozzo says her strength is her overall presentation, though she's quite adept at the required jumps too. She's mastered all her doubles maneuvers (including double axle in combination) as well as the triple salchow in combination, triple toe loop in combination, and triple loop in combination. She's currently working on mastering the triple flip and triple lutz.

Cannarozzo credits coaches Mark Mitchell and Peter Johansson for helping her

with her jumps. Two of her biggest influences are choreographer Deidre Williams as well as Susan Fallon, her very first private coach.

"Deidre has been choreographing me for a really long time (since age 6)," Cannarozzo said. "She taught me how to tell a story with your program, through the music."

Cannarozzo didn't reach this point without quite a bit of sacrifice. She began skating at age five, enrolling in the basic skills program at the Stoneham Figure Skating Club. She moved to the North Shore Skating Club at the Burbank Area in Reading before joining the Skating Club of Boston (Brighton) at age nine.

Cannarozzo's daily routine is time-consuming and demanding. She skates six days a week, year-round, including three hours each weekday and two hours on Saturday. Twice a week she takes a one-hour fitness class, while a third day includes Pilates. She's even planning to add ballet.

"There are some days when I'm tired. I just try to skate through it," Cannarozzo said. "I usually go out more on the weekend. Most of my friends are there (Skating Club) so I get to see them during the day."

Cannarozzo's lengthy hours in practice don't mesh with the typical high school day, so a few years ago her parents made the decision to home school Juliana through the Calvert program. Tom Cannarozzo works with his daughter for four hours every morning (8:30-12:30), and she typically puts in another hour-and-a-half of reading and bookwork at the rink in the afternoon.

Juliana's parents credit Reading High assistant principal Joe Finigan for his advice and support in the families' decision to home school Juliana (siblings Carmen, 11, and Lauren, 17, attend Reading public schools).

"The town of Reading has been great about it. He (Finigan) helped us out so much," Tom Cannarozzo said.

Balancing Juliana's training and education is just one of the many obstacles the Cannarozzo's face. Ice skating is an extremely expensive sport at the high levels, and in Juliana's case there's three coaches to pay, plus ice time and travel expenses.

Injury is another source of worry. Cannarozzo is currently wearing a back brace to help heal a nagging stress fracture in her lower back. Biology is a factor too: Cannarozzo has grown four inches over the past year and will continue to grow and fill out, which affects her center of balance.

Then there's the little matter of nerves. Watching their daughter perform in the big competitions isn't easy for Tom and Joanne.

"I can't sit (during competitions). It's very nerve-wracking," said Cannarozzo's mom. "You want to see her do well, you just hope she does well."

But in the end, all the effort, money and worry have been worth it for Juliana and her parents. Her success is undeniable and it appears the sky is the limit.

"At the competitions I want to have a sign on my back that says, 'Juliana's dad.' To hear all the comments from other people who don't even know I'm her dad, it's pretty amazing," said Tom Cannarozzo. "There's no choice. She has the talent and we have to fund it. And she likes to do it."

There will come a day when Juliana's competitive career comes to an end, but that doesn't mean she plans on walking away from the sport. Her love affair with skating may well be a lifelong pursuit.

Provided, of course, that Hollywood doesn't get in the way.

"I want to be a skating choreographer and coach when I'm done skating," Cannarozzo said. "If they say I'm good at it (acting), I might take some acting classes in the summer. I'm sure I'll love it."

Athletes & Activities

by Paul Feely

SPORTS SHORTS

MIDDLESEX EAST SPORTS WEEKLY TRIVIA What were the five Stanley Cup years for the Boston Bruins? Answer appears elsewhere in this column.

READING'S RYAN KILEY is still following his dream of skating in the National Hockey league someday. The 25-year-old is currently playing for the West Virginia Wheeling Nailers of the East Coast Hockey League. While play-

ing at Reading Memorial High School, Kiley scored 100 points before graduating in 1996 and then he skated for Division 1 Merrimack College, after playing junior hockey for two years.

READING'S JAMIE GATH, a freshman shortstop on the Bentley College baseball team, had a two run single that gave his team a 4-2 lead over Saint Anselm in a recent game.

The 10th annual Tewksbury Memorial High School Athletic Hall of Fame banquet and induction ceremony was held on Friday, April 2, 2004 at the Tewksbury Country Club on Main Street in Tewksbury. This year's inductees were as follows:

- Ryan McNeal, 1993
- Timothy Lightfoot, 1991
- Christopher Mader, 1988
- Rob Alyward, 1986
- Michael Hurton, 1976
- Joanne Aldrich, 1972
- Richard Fortier, 1950

University of New Hampshire senior co-captain **STEVE SAVIANO OF READING** became the fifth player in school history to be named one of 10 finalists for the Hobey Baker Memorial Award, which is presented annually to the best American-born college hockey player in New England. Unfortunately, last week it was announced that he was not chosen to receive the award. He also was recently selected among 14 finalists as the recipient of the 2004 Walter Brown Award as announced by Tom Burke, president of the Gridiron Club of Greater Boston. Saviano

Need some help on this week's trivia question? One of the seasons was 1971-72.

THE TEWKSBURY HIGH SCHOOL baseball team will once again participate this year in the Lawrence Invitational

tournament during Memorial Day weekend.

STONEHAM NATIVE KENNY SMITH, the 108th captain of the Harvard University men's ice hockey team, netted the game-winning goal for his team in the ECAC tourney final recently.

STONEHAM NATIVE RYAN SODERQUIST, a former Arlington Catholic and Bentley College hockey standout, has a set a new record as the youngest Division I men's ice hockey coach in the country, after manning the helm of the Bentley team this past season, at the ripe old age of 25. The Falcons finished the year with a record of 9-19-4.

THE COLONIAL ADULT MASTERS SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TEAM is recruiting new members for the 2003-2004 season. Prior experience on such a team is not needed, but eligible skaters must be age 25 by the preceding July 1. For more information call Team Manager Cheryl Milloy at 781-275-4476.

READING'S ROB CAMPBELL took part in this past weekend's Hockey Night in Boston All-Scholastic tourney as a member of the Massachusetts Privates team.

ANSWER TO THIS WEEK'S TRIVIA QUESTION: The five seasons were: 1928-29; 1938-39; 1940-41; 1969-70; and 1971-72.

DO YOU KNOW SOMETHING WE DON'T? If you have information about a local athlete that you would like to see appear in this column, please email it to readingchronicle@comcast.net, or mail it to: Paul Feely, Middlesex East Sports, P.O. Box 240, Reading, MA, 01867, or call Paul at 781-944-2200 between 7 am and 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday, or fax information at 781-942-0884.

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Beantown Comedy Vault at Remington's in Boston entertainers are: April 11 Adam Pearlman with Open Mike Night, April 25 Dick Doherty, Boston Comics with Boston Attitude; April 16 Mark Scalia, Boston Comics with Boston Attitude, April 17 Mark Scalia, Greg Howell Boston Stituted, April 18 Mark Scalia Open Mike Night.

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ART DEMONSTRATION IN WOBURN

The Woburn Guild of Artists is sponsoring a demonstration on April 22 at the new Horizons Terrace Lounge, Warren Ave., Woburn.

Cameron Bennett was born in Brooklyn, NY in 1971. His parents both were artists and provided his first training. His formal art instruction began at the Baltimore School for the Arts, a specialized high school in Baltimore, MD He continued through the Rhode Island School of Design, the Maryland Institute College of Art, and the Mass. College of Art, from where he received his B.F.A. in illustration in 1994.

For more information contact Susan DeTeso at 781-935-1240 or Joseph Leto at 781-933-1240.

PSYCHOLOGIST TALKS OF DREAMS APRIL 15

The Friends of the Stoneham Public Library will hold its Annual meeting on Thursday, April 15 at the library.

An election of officers will take place and dues are payable at this meeting.

Dr. Judith Scharff, a psychologist, will present a workshop on dreams. Members are encouraged to attend this meeting and the public is invited.
NORTH PARISH QUILTERS QUILT FAIRE

The North Parish Quilters, a non-profit organization serving the North Shore area is pleased to announce its first Quilt Faire.

The Faire will be held on April 14 at the Americal Civic Center, 367 Main St., Wakefield from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Enjoy a bite to eat while admiring the work of guild members.

Indulge in a little shopping at the vendor tables and the Boutique. Applique, Bargello, Patch work, and many more quilts to be viewed and enjoyed! Admission \$2 at door.

STONEHAM ARTS AND CRAFTS EXHIBIT

The Stoneham Arts and Crafts will hold an exhibit at the Stoneham Public Library on Main Street on Friday, April

23 from noon to 5 p.m. and Saturday, April 24 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The hand crafted items by members will be available for sale. There are free refreshments and admission is free, notes publicist Mary Ronan of Wakefield. The site is also handicapped accessible.

NARFE CHAPTER 507 WILL MEET

NARFE (Nat'l Assn. of Retired Federal Employees) Chapter 507 will meet on Tuesday, April 13 at 1:40 p.m. Reading Senior Center 49 Pleasant St., Reading. Cheryl Martell of Hillside Florist, Woburn will be giving a demonstration on flower arranging. This has always been a great event. Lucky winners on final arrangements.

Meeting is open to all NARFE members, guests, all retired and active Federal Employees with at least 5 years service. Come join in or call 1st VP Mike Modica at 781-944-1361 about membership. NARFE is the organization for protecting rights and benefits now and when retired.

CONSERVATION DISTRICT TREE & PERENNIAL SALE

Cold Weather damage? Mice and moles munched on your plants? You can purchase

replacements and try some new varieties at the Middlesex Conservation District's Spring Tree and Plant Retail Sale Friday April 23 from 4-6 p.m. and Saturday, April 24 from 8 to noon at the 4-H Fairgrounds on South Chelmsford Road in Westford.

Spring offerings include evergreens for screening and flowering shrubs for spring and summer color, 35 types of perennials as well as fruit trees and small fruits and ground-covers.

Additionally, the Herb Farmacy of Salisbury will attend with a large selection of certified organic culinary, medicinal and ornamental herb plants for sale and to answer herb growing questions.

FREE SKIN CANCER SCREENING AT LAHEY

Lahey Clinic's Dept. of Dermatology will offer free skin cancer screenings at this special session for people who do not already have a dermatologist. Screenings will be done by appointment.

To reserve a time call 781-744-8979. If treatment is needed, follow up appointments will be arranged. No other skin conditions will be assessed during this time.

The date is Saturday, May 8 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Lahey Clinic, Dept. of Dermatology, 20 Wail st. Burlington. To reserve at time call 781-744-8979.

HOMELESS CHILDREN VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT

Horizons for Homeless Children is seeking volunteers to interact and play with children living in family and

domestic violence shelters in your neighborhood. A commitment of 2 hours a week for 6 months is required.

Daytime and evening shifts. With over 52 shelters in our network, there is likely to be one that fits your schedule. It is a rewarding and fun experience.

The next training is on April 26 and 27 from 6 - 9 p.m. both evenings. Call Karin at 617-287-1900, ext 306 for more information or visit www.horizons-forhomelesschildren.org.
HOMESCHOOLING INFORMATION NIGHT

North Suburban Home Learners is hosting a Homeschooling Information Night on Monday, April 5th from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Beebe Library, 345 Main St., Wakefield. All are invited to explore this great alternative to traditional schooling from a panel of parents who are home-schooling locally.

Bring questions about state and local laws, styles of home learning, curriculum, getting into college, and socialization.

For more information contact Leigh Vozzella, 781-738-0432 or Kathy Peterson 781-665-7248.

SONS OF ITALY DINNER DANCE

The Burlington Sons of Italy will have a "Blossom Time" Dinner Dance May 1st from 7 p.m. to midnight. Price is \$30 per person. Cutoff date is April 24. Held at the Winchester Sons of Italy Hall, Swanton St., Winchester. Music by Alan LaBella, Catering by Henry's. Door prizes and raffles. For tickets call 781-391-5046 or 781-272-7727 or 781-272-0529.

SEPARATED/DIVORCED SUPPORT GROUP

A Separate/Divorced support group meets weekly, Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ/Lynnfield Community Church, 735 Salem St., in Lynnfield.

Parking is in rear of church. Voluntary donations of \$3. Non-denominational. For further info call Donna 781-246-5065 or Jan 978-532-6437.

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Substance Abuse Helpline seeks volunteers for 24 hour, 7 days per week Information and Education phone service to persons affected by alcoholism and substance abuse.

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OVEREATERS GROUP MEETS APRIL 24

A public information meeting by Overeaters Anonymous is scheduled for Saturday, April 24 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the First Congregational Church of Reading, corner of Woburn and Sanborn Streets in Reading center.

All are welcome to attend this informational meeting free of charge. This is a 12 step program open to anyone who wants to stop eating compulsively. Come and ask questions. Witness the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual miracles in this method of recovery.
CRAFTS EXHIBIT IN STONEHAM

Stoneham Arts and Crafts Exhibit will be held at the Stoneham Public Library, Main

Street, Stoneham on Friday April 23 from noon to 5 p.m. and Saturday, April 24 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Admission is free. Display of members hand crafted items, sales table, raffles, free refreshments.

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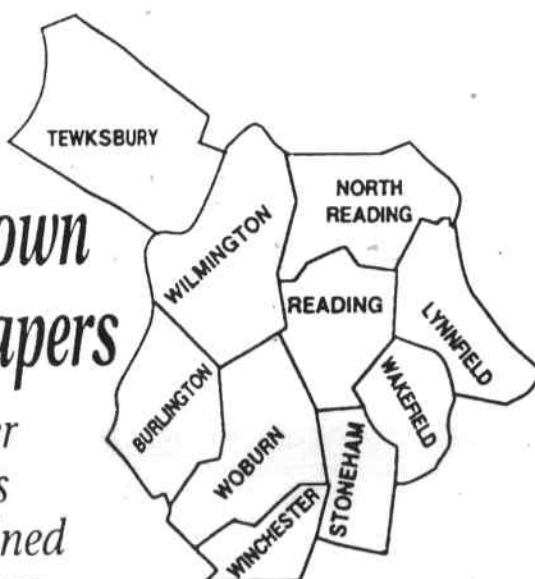
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This program promotes early detection and treatment, provides free educational materials and facilitates access to glaucoma eye examinations.

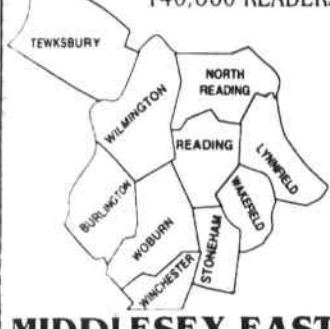
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H.E.A.R. Learn about hearing loss at seminar

Hearing Ears Audiology Resources (H.E.A.R.) in the Family Medical Center in Wilmington is offering a seminar for those interested in learning more about hearing loss and the new digital technology. The seminar will be held at the Family Medical Center at 500 Salem Street, Route 62, Wilmington on Thursday April 22nd. There are two times available: 11 am or 1:30 pm.

To reserve a seat, call 1-978-988-1999. The speakers will include a representative from Widex and audiologists Loleata Wigall, M.S. CCC-A and Mindy Rosenberg, M.S., CF-A.

The new digital technology has made significant improvements in the hearing aid industry. Most hearing aids are now equipped with a computer chip to process speech sounds more clearly. Due to digital technology, the hearing aid response can be adapted to the individual's hearing loss. They can also offer features to help make listening in noisy situations more comfortable. The seminar will discuss the new features of hearing aids and how they can benefit individuals with hearing loss.

While 28 million Americans have hearing loss, only 1 in 5 (22.2%) who could benefit from hearing aids have them. Many people deny the need for hearing aids, think hearing aids will make them look "old," or think hearing aids are too costly. However, today, hearing aids come in all sizes and range in price. Also, many people

assume that hearing loss is a sign that they are "old". About one-third of the hearing impaired population is between the ages 25 - 54. Hearing loss is not just due to aging. Some baby boomers have hearing loss due to exposure to loud rock and roll music.

Loleata Wigall, M.S. CCC-A, FAAA, is the owner of H.E.A.R. She has been dispensing hearing aids since 1975. She earned her Master's Degree in Audiology from Bradley University in Peoria, IL in 1974. She earned her Certificate of Clinical Competence from the American Speech Language and Hearing Association in 1976. She has owned Atlantic Audiology, Inc. in Wakefield since 1989.

Mindy Rosenberg, M.S., CF-A is the staff audiologist at H.E.A.R. Ms. Rosenberg is a graduate of the Northeastern University Bouve College of Health Sciences. She received her Master of Science degree in Audiology in 2003. During her time at Northeastern, she was presented with awards for Academic Excellence and Professional Promise.

She earned her Bachelor's degree in Speech and Hearing Science from The George Washington University in Washington, D.C. with Magna Cum Laude honors. Ms. Rosenberg is a member of the American Speech, Language, and Hearing Association and the American Academy of Audiology.

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Ways to cope with stress and depression

It's natural to feel angry and stressed once in a while. But it's not healthy to stay agitated, bottle up your anger or express it with explosive outbursts. Here are a few tips from the book "Mayo Clinic on Depression" (ISBN 1-893005-17-8) that can help you deal with anger and stress in a more positive way:

- Identify what triggers your anger and prepare for it.
- Remove yourself from the situation, then choose your response.
- Express your frustration calmly rather than in a verbal outburst.
- Find a constructive way, like writing or dancing, to release the energy produced by your anger.
- Release "hot thoughts" that rekindle anger.

Researchers believe harboring vengeful and painful feelings places your body under continuous stress. In addition to harming your emotional health, holding on to anger may increase your risk of high blood pressure and heart disease.

So, how do you let go? You learn to forgive. Anger may be fueled by a lingering resentment toward someone who wronged you or hurt you. A study of women who survived incest found that those who learned to forgive lessened their anxiety and depression. Forgiving doesn't mean denying or condoning what happened, but it is a way to keep negative feelings from consuming you.

Sometimes simply becoming aware of what causes you stress can make it easier to cope. Your stress may be linked to external factors like work, family or unpredictable events. Or it may stem from internal factors, like perfectionism or unrealistic expectations. Concentrate on those stressors you can change. In situations

Bid Winter Blues Goodbye

Almost everyone has a bout of the winter blahs. It seems like the sun never shines and its always gray outside.

However, for a small percentage of people, less light can bring on more severe and recurrent symptoms, known as Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD). This mood disorder can happen during any season, but tends to be more common during the winter months.

Anyone can get SAD but young people and women are most susceptible to it. SAD is said to be caused by melatonin, a sleep-related hormone. When the days are shorter and darker, production of melatonin increases.

To prevent SAD, spend as much time as possible outdoors throughout the year. You can also change fluorescent lights to full-spectrum bulbs that will light up a room more.

Symptoms begin in the fall, peak in the winter and subside in the spring. They often include:

- increased sadness, hopelessness, crying or irritability
- carbohydrate cravings that lead to weight gain
- less energy and libido
- change in sleep patterns
- decreased concentration and creativity

Mild cases of SAD can be treated by increasing exposure to daylight, exercising outdoors, eating healthy, decreasing stress and being with friends and family. For more severe sufferers, light therapy from a light box or antidepressants can help.

Fortunately, most people only experience normal cases of the winter blahs. But if you are having difficulty this winter season, see a doctor as soon as possible.

beyond your control, look for ways to remain calm under the circumstances.

One of the best ways to manage your emotional health is to anticipate and solve potential problems before they become worse. This means embracing habits that support your emotional health, like exercise and good nutrition. Be aware of the warning signs that your emotional health is out of

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and is situated in the desirable Hillview Country Club area.

The foyer extends from front to back and leads you to an impressive staircase connecting to the second floor. This gracious home beckons visitors to enjoy the luxury of its formal living room which is warmed by a fireplace and a bow window beaming sunlight into the room with its southern exposure. The elegant formal dining room is adorned with a wall of windows with the warm sun streaming lazily in on sated dinners. After dinner,

you can adjourn to the library and enjoy a cozy fire in the fireplace.

This home has all the elements needed for entertaining guests.

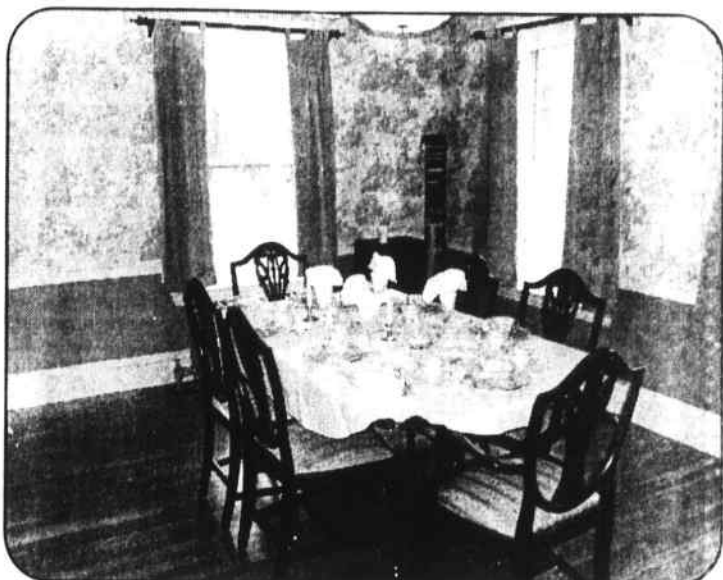
The addition offers a first floor family room with two full walls of windows with both southern and eastern exposure and opens to the library.

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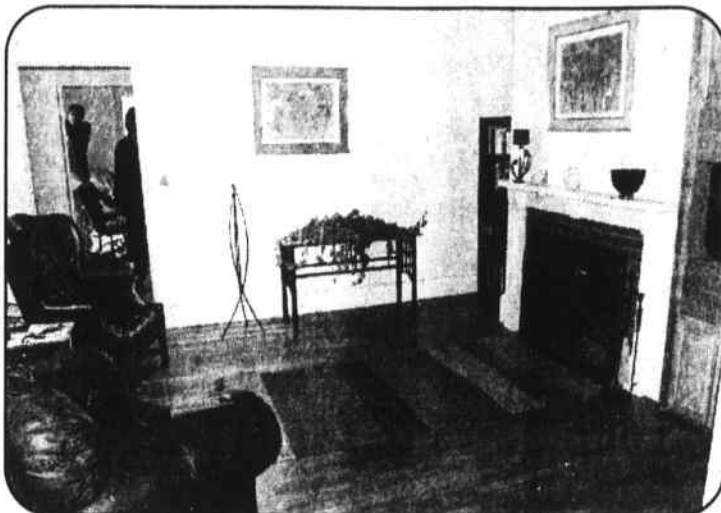


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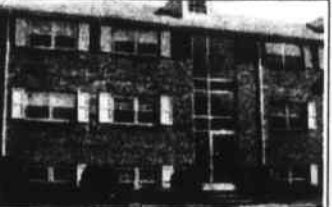
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own sitting room. The remaining bedrooms are generous in size.

The walk-up attic is presently unheated but steam radiators are in place for future expansion. A large built in cedar closet stands ready to preserve your clothing and adds to the charm of the house, much like the discovery of an old root cellar which is located in the basement.

The exterior has wood shingles, and if you drive around the back of the home, you will see the one car garage-under that was built to house an antique car - but not made for the SUV commonly driven today.

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After successfully completing and passing a 2 day exam, Fitzgerald became a candidate for the ABR designation. In order to obtain the designation, a candidate must become a member of REBAC, pass an elective course, Fitzgerald chose "Innovative Marketing Strategies," acquire a certain number of years experience and a successful number of transactions in which the candidate represented buyers.

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Fitzgerald has to her credit obtained the CBR (Certified Buyer's Representative) and GRI (Graduate Realtor's Institute) designation along with many awards of excellence from the Realtor's Assn. "Education is key in providing proper representation to Buyer's and Sellers. Real estate law and laws of agency are constantly changing and we must adjust our skills and training to meet the over challenging demands of today's consumer," quoted Fitzgerald.

For more information contact Priscilla Fitzgerald at Fitzgerald & Associates Real Estate 978-664-4709 or email her at www.northreading.com.

In Massachusetts Record housing market

The Massachusetts residential real estate enjoyed its best year ever in 2003 as home buying activity rose to record levels in much of the state, driven by historically low mortgage rates, modest job growth and strong demand from immigrants, baby-boomers and first-time buyers, according to a report issued by the Massachusetts Association of Realtors (MAR).

Home prices also rose in 2003 for a tenth consecutive year, indicative of a market in which more housing production is needed, but the rate of price appreciation did moderate this past year as inventory levels have slowly improved.

In 2003, MAR data shows sales of detached single-family homes rose 4.9 percent in Massachusetts, from 46,770 in 2002 to 49,040 this past year.

Also, condominium sales increased 16.2 percent from 14,912 a year ago to 17,324 in 2003, setting a new record for the Bay State.

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7 CHATHAM WAY was sold to Kimberly Brown by Thomas Carpi for \$687,500.

40 MAPLEWOOD ROAD was sold to Jerri Pratt by Edward Duggan for \$20,000.

1200 SALEM STREET U:190 was sold to Jay Lasoff by Judith Belinsky Tr. and Judith Lasoff Tr. for \$240,000.

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68 CENTRAL STREET was sold to Frank Prusik Jr. and Lisa Prusik by Kevin and Maryann Fletchall for \$365,000.

16 EMERSON ROAD was sold to Jami and John Racioppi by Sucat Michael Karakaya for \$308,000.

4 FOX RUN LANE was sold to John Janes Jr. and Lauren

Janes by Vicki Ann Desimone for \$680,000.

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2 LANTERN LANE was sold to Peter E. Depesa and Peter F. Depesa by Maureen Kotarski for \$480,500.

191 NORTH STREET was sold to Brian and Wanda Poor by Erik and Stacey Palm for \$345,000.

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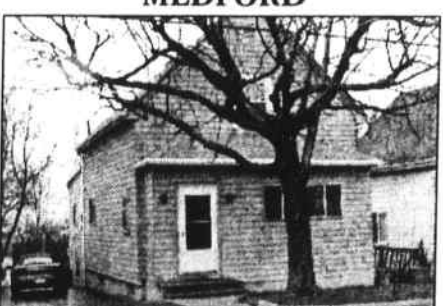
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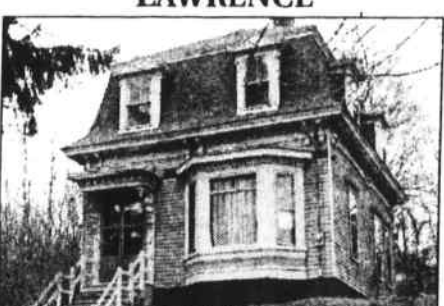
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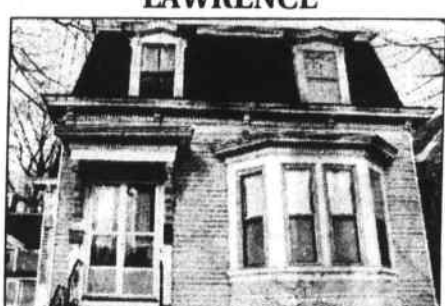
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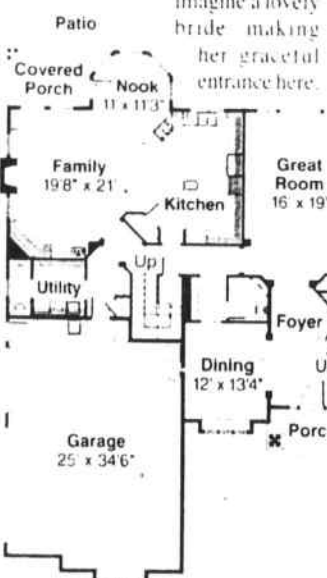


Elements harmonize in lavish Bellingham

By Associated Designs

From the street, the estate-size Bellingham presents a pleasing medley of brick, stone, arched windows and gables. Inside you'll find a lavish spectrum of gathering spaces, some luxurious and some relaxed, plus five bedrooms and a den (or home office). The huge bonus room over the three-car garage could be finished as needed, or left as storage space.

Natural light spills into the dramatic two-story foyer through side-lights, a transom, and an arched window on the second level. An elegant staircase curves up the right side. It's easy to imagine a lovely bride making her graceful entrance here.



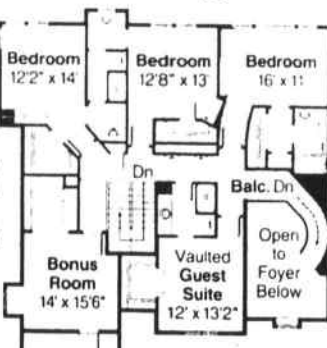
to begin a wedding ceremony. The second floor landing over looks the entry area.

An arched opening on the left accesses a stately dining room, while double doors on the right open into a den. A passageway links the dining room and kitchen. One side of the passageway is lined with storage and display cabinets; a convenient powder room is on the opposite side. The den has its own private porch with a French door entry, which makes it ideal for use as a home office.

Everyday family life centers on the combination family room and kitchen. Family members will like sitting at the conversation bar, watching flames in the masonry fireplace, or clustering around the entertainment center. Plants thrive and people enjoy starting each day in this sunny nook.

Luxury amenities in the Bellingham's master suite include: a huge walk-in closet with drop-down ironing board, and a private bathroom with dual vanity, oversized shower and built-in dresser.

Two naturally illuminated stairways lead upstairs. A vaulted guest



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Lisa is a member of the National Association of Realtors, the Mass.



Lisa D'Ambrosio

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Lisa was born in Everett

and moved to Wakefield more than 12 years ago. She resides here with her husband and their three children. She is actively involved with her family's activities such as cheerleading, dance, hockey and soccer. In her free time, Lisa enjoys health training.

"We are pleased to have Lisa as a member of our team. Her enthusiasm and warm personality are definitely an asset to Greers and make her a pleasure to do business with," said Bob.

Lisa may be reached at 781-245-2151.

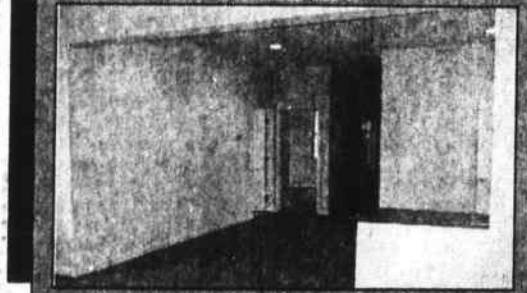
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